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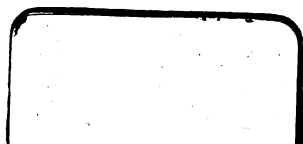
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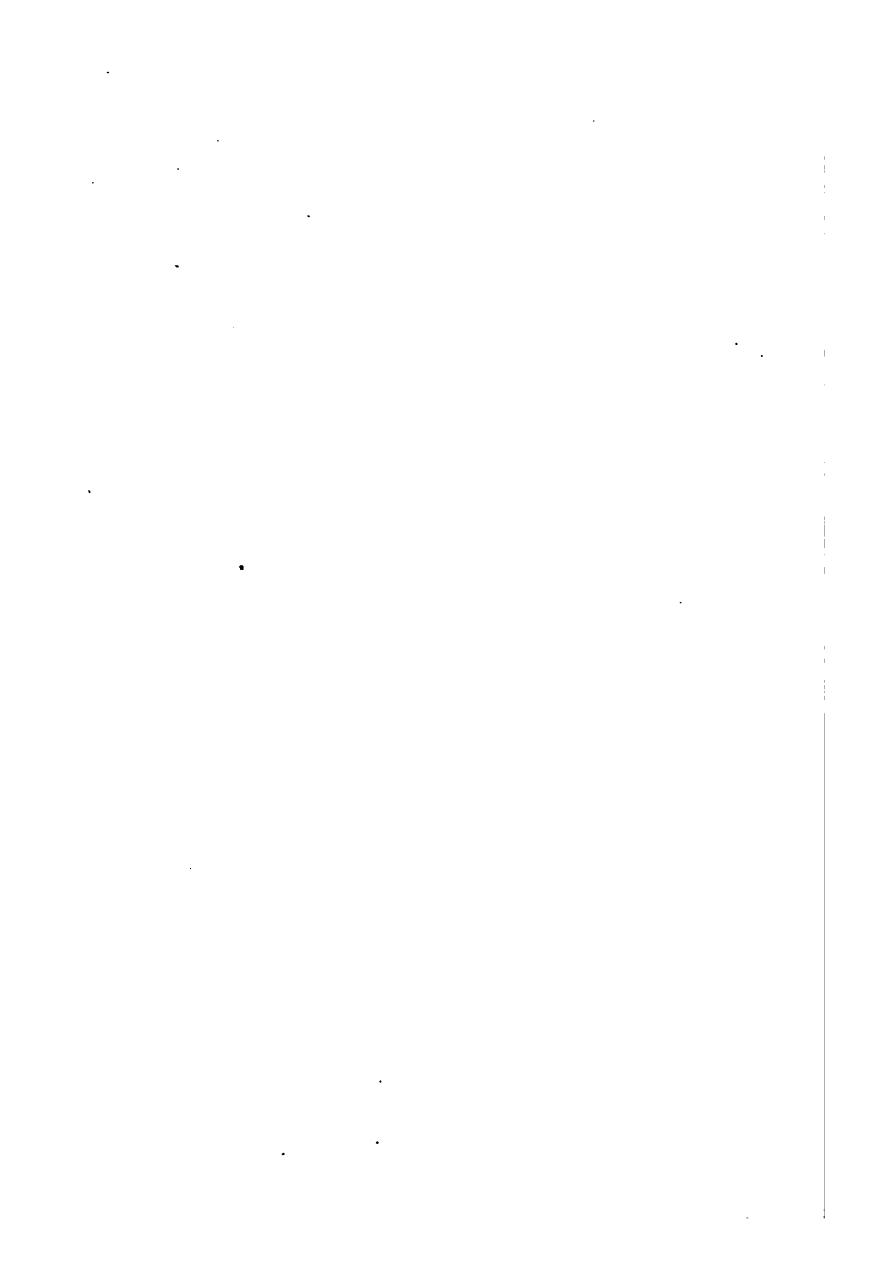


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OLD CHURCH AT CRANE'S CORNERS

1901



A HISTORY

—OF—

OLIVE BRANCH LODGE,

No. 40,

F. & A. M.

—AND A—

Biographical Sketch of Members

—WITH A—

Short History of the Towns

—OF—

Frankfort, Schuylers and Litchfield.

Compiled by Brothers Charles B. Cleland and
E. LaGrange Smith, by order of the Lodge.



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PREFACE.

The people of a locality are largely interested in its local history. Men, places and events are of great value in the makeup and accuracy of the history of a community. Organizations, like the individual, have a life, a character, a record, and are factors in the world and life they touch.

Many times the expression has been made, that a history of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 40, ought to be written. To meet that want this effort has been made. Research has failed to disclose some things of general interest to the Lodge. Faulty records and memories have been met everywhere, but from all information obtained, facts have been sifted and this little book compiled; and to the members of the Lodge, living and dead, it is dedicated.

The Lodge is one of the oldest in the state. Its history is honorable, men, the best, have given it character and standing; have gone from it into the world with the principle taught in its lodge room, and made for themselves a name and place among their fellows.

This little book is sent out freighted with faith, charity and hope. Faith in the Fraternity, charity for the ills and faults of life, hope that it will meet with the good will and welcome of the brethren.

E. LA GRANGE SMITH,
Frankfort, October 31, 1901.

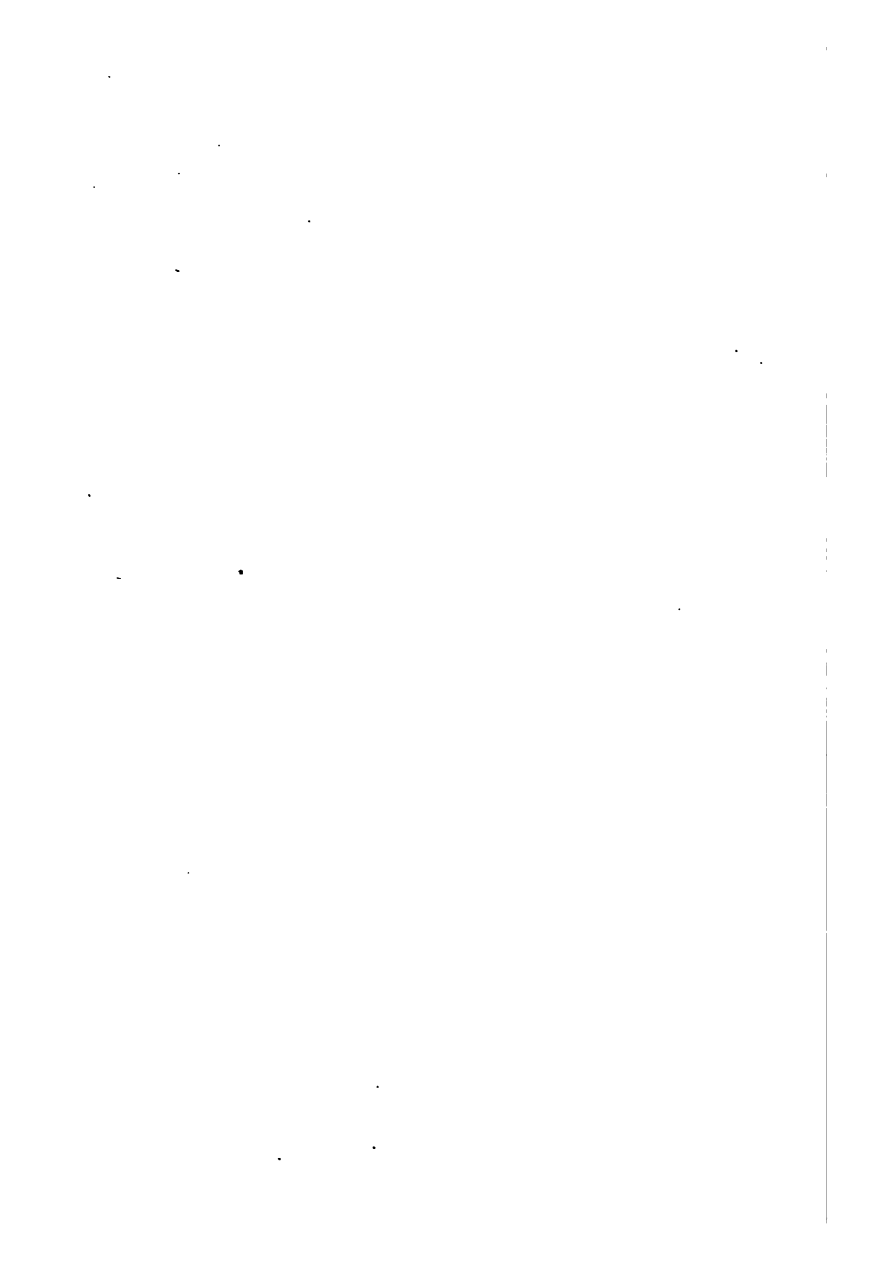
The Town of Frankfort.

The town of Frankfort was set off from German Flatts February 5, 1796, by an act of the Legislature. In 1798, a portion of the Northwest part was annexed to Deerfield. It extends from German Flatts on the East to Oneida county on the West, a distance of nine miles, and from the Mohawk river on the North to the town of Litchfield on the South, an average width of four miles. It is hilly except along the Mohawk. Is a dairy country, having a large milk condensary at the village of Frankfort, a butter factory and several cheese factories. It is well watered with springs and creeks, the principal creeks being Moyer creek in the Eastern portion and running through the village, the Bridenbecker creek in the Central portion and Ferguson creek in the Western part, and all flowing northerly into the Mohawk. The town contains the village of Frankfort of 2,700 inhabitants, the hamlet called the Harbor of about sixty, and the hamlet of Frankfort Center of about 50 inhabitants.

The town has many industries. The Utica canning factory at the Harbor. Aside from the cheese factories, saw mills, feed and grist mills, it has a number of industries located in and about the village of Frankfort, consisting of the Frankfort Linen Manufacturing Co., the Acme Road Machinery Co., the Utica Steam Guage Co., the Pratt Chuck Works, the Michigan Milk Condensary, the Continental Tool Co., and the West Shore foundary. The village has two splendid high school buildings, and an average attendance of 500 pupils, a successful national bank, of which Henry Churchill is President and George H. Watson, Cashier, occupying

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other well.

Hasenclever built an ashery, the first factory erected within the limits of Schuyler and was located on the lands of Luther P. Staring. A saw mill was built on the land formerly owned by Ira Finster, near New Petersburg, the name of what is now East Schuyler. Thirty families comprised the settlement. Among them as handed down and remembered are Bridenbecker, Staring, Bargo, Clemens, Widrig, Oyer, Finister, Keller, Steinway Munterback. Some of the families still occupy the land of their forefathers.

Early in the Revolution near the spring on the Luther P. Staring's land, and on the rise of ground where the house now stands, was erected what the settlers called a fort. The ground was enclosed by pickets 10 or 12 feet high, log houses were built within the enclosure to which the families of New Petersburg gathered at night for safety.

The Indians made raids, assisted by the Tories. These became so frequent that the people retired to Fort Dayton, and abandoned their homes until the close of the war. Frederick Oyer was killed in the battle of Oriskany, and the land he occupied is still in the Oyer family and the lands of Baltis Bridenbecker still remain in his direct descendants.

The Eastern part of the town and including Stone Arabia were settled by the Germans coming up the Mohawk in boats, being no roads through the forest. The Central and Western part of the town was settled later by people from different parts of the country. Among the earlier ones were : Elisha Ladd, Budlongs, onathan Richardson, Stephen and Elisha Rose, Thom-

as Wood, Charles Brown, Charles Christian and one Sweet.

Schuyler early became a dairying town; the soil and surface of the country being well adapted for that purpose. Much gardening is also carried on, the farms in the Eastern portion being kept in the highest and most improved state of cultivation.

The first building, aside from private houses, used for religious purposes was the Ashery built by Hasenclever; later a building was erected for the purpose, and used as a school house and church. It was erected on the site of the school house in District No. 4. The first worshipers were Lutherans, and the first church a Lutheran church. The church and society has long ceased to exist. All that remains of the society, says Alexis Johnson, the grand old man of Schuyler, is the old sermon book and the britannia chalice. The cup is now in the keeping of Hiram L. Johnson. Finster, Oyer, Clemens, Rima, Widrig, Bargy and Lints were associated with that society.

In 1821 a Baptist society was started at East Schuyler, but like the Lutheran society has passed away and the Methodists occupy the land. Schuyler has schools and churches, but no hotels or saloons. She has, and is, demonstrating that to a highly civilized people the saloon is not necessary. Her schools are of the best, and her people devout and prosperous. The cheese factory has taken the place of the saw and grist mill. For its size, number of people and interests to be cared for, the town's annual expenses will compare favorably with the most wisely conducted and economical town or municipality in the state.

On April 2, 1793, the inhabitants met at the house of Captain George G. Weber and elected the following town officers : Isaac Brayton, supervisor; Francis Guilean, town clerk; George Witherie, G. G. Weber, W. Farming, and J. Stafford, Sr., assessors; Ezra Pain, John Ladd, and Thomas Nichols, commissioners of highways; Abel Austin, collector; James Denslow, Abel Austin and Andrew Bennett, constables; John Warren and Peter Tron, poormasters; and Isaac Brayton, sealer of weights and measures. Schuyler has furnished her full quota of public men, and discharged her full duty to the public good. As the Hon. Chauncey Depew said before a Senate committee in the city of Albany, "There is nothing small about Schuyler, even to the assessment she places upon the property and franchises of the New York Central railroad within her borders."

The Town of Litchfield.

The town of Litchfield was taken with the town of Frankfort from German Flatts by act of Legislature, February 5, 1796. It is a rich farming section. The soil is productive, lime stone and the Utica slate underlying a great portion of it. It is hilly and well watered with springs, ponds, small lakes and creeks, the principal creek being the Budlong creek flowing Northeasterly into the Moyer creek. It has many lime kilns. The first settlers in the town were Elijah Snow and David Scott in 1786. In 1787, the year following, William Brewer, Ezekiel Goodale, John Andrews, Chris-

topher Rider, John and Ebenezer Crosby. Ebenezer Drewsly and John Everett settled in the town. From thence forward the town became rapidly settled, the land cleared and the hillsides made productive. The first man to be married in the town was Joseph Hay in 1798; the first birth that of Lake Andrew in 1790; the first death, Betsey Burns in 1793; the first school was taught by Jeremiah Everett. David Davis kept the first store; Joseph Sheppard, the first tavern; John Littlejohn run the first grist mill and one Talcott the first saw mill. It is said the first daisies were brought from Connecticut by Benjamin Wood in the hay brought in his sleigh, and in many respects it may be called a daisy town. The town is dotted with cheese factories. A large quantity of the milk is now being brought to the condensary at Frankfort. The town at one time produced a great deal of wool, but that industry is giving way to the dairy.

In 1824 William Hosford established at Cedarville a tannary, which continued in operation until about the year 1880.

The first town officers of the town were chosen at the home of Josiah Sheppard on the 5th day of April, 1796, and were :Abel Brace, supervisor; Josiah Sheppard, town clerk; John Littlejohn, William C. Jones, Jeremiah Holmes, assessors; Joseph Hooker and Joseph Walker, overseers of the poor; Asa Way, Oliver Harwood and Samuel Murray, commissioners of highways; Peleg Harwood, Abel Brace, Jr., Timothy Greenley, constables; Abel Brace, Jr., and Timothy Greenley, collectors; Abel Brace, Tilly Richardson and Josiah Shepard, school commissioners. One of the first ordi-

nances passed by the first town board was : "Swine to run loose, being well yoked and ringed." The first road laid out and recorded as a town road is from Aaron Budlong's to J. Shepard's, surveyed by Isreal Porter and recorded May 10, 1796.

The town has always stood for the best, and the voice of her people has ever responded to the better sentiments and principles that go to make a progressive people. As early as 1846 she voted no license by a majority of 66 out of a vote of 168. Her roads are the best in Central New York, her school well kept up to the mark fixed by public opinion. School houses and churches and church societies are liberally scattered and well looked after. Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, Congregationalists and Universalists all have followers among its people. Cedarville, Norwich Corners, North Litchfield and Cranes' Corners are the hamlets within its limits. A good share of the business of the town is done at Cedarville. Henry Devendorf, the first settler there, came in 1803; John Thurston Mabbit started the first store in 1823; a postoffice was established there in that year. It is now a place of some 300 inhabitants having three stores, a hotel, a tannary, grist mill, cheese factory, saw mill and several machine shops.

The Baptists organized the first religious society in the town. This was at the house of Nathaniel Ball, March, 15, 1795; 142 different pastors have occupied the pulpits of the town, among whom are such giants as M. E. Dnnham, Dolphus Skinner and Canfield.

The town has little, if any debt, its farms all occupied; little. any waste land; its products, the finest

that come to the market; its people contented and progressive.

From such surroundings, the towns of Frankfort, Schuyler and Litchfield, Olive Branch Lodge has grown and prospered.

Olive Branch Lodge, No. 221.

(NOW NO. 40.)

The earliest record of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 221, is in the form of a petition signed by:

Roswell Holcomb,

Curtiss F. Ross,

Timothy Snow,

Joseph Diefendorf,

Jonathon Butler,

Stephen Frank,

Theron Plumb,

Edward Mott,

Daniel Aylesworth,

Truman Merry.

and directed to the M. W. DeWitt Clinton, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, praying for a warrant empowering them to form a lodge at Crane's Corners, in the town of Litchfield, county of Herkimer, state of New York, to be named Olive Branch Lodge, and nominating Brother Heman Bush to be Master, Brother Ralph Merry to be Senior Warden and Brother Stephen Dow to be Junior Warden. The petition was received by the Grand Lodge, Mar. 4, 1812 and on the 10th day of June in the same year the following Charter was granted.

Sit lux, et lux fuit.

[SEAL]

DE WITT CLINTON, Grand Master.

MARTIN HOFFMAN, Deputy Grand Master.

CADWALLADER D. GOLDEN, Senior Grand Warden.

PHILLIP S. VAN RENSSELAER, Junior Grand Master.

We, the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of True and Accepted Masons, of the State of New York, in Ample Form Affembled, according to the Old Constitution, regularly and solemnly under the auspices of Prince Edwin, at the City of New York, in Great Britain, in the year of Masonry 4926, viz :

The Most Worshipful, The Honorable DeWitt Clinton,
Grand Master.

The Right Worshipful, Martin Hoffman,
Deputy Grand Master.

The Right Worshipful Cadwallader D. Golden,
Senior Grand Warden.

The Right Worshipful The Hon. Philip S. VanRensselaar,
Junior Grand Warden.

Do, by these presents, appoint, authorize and empower our worthy Brother Heman Bush to be the Master; our worthy Brother Ralph Merry to be the Senior Warden; and our worthy Brother Stephen Dow to be the Junior Warden, of a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, to be by virtue hereof, constituted, formed and held in the Town of Litchfield, in the County of Herkimer, which Lodge shall be distinguished by the name or style of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 221, and the said Master and Warden, and their successors in office are hereby respectively authorized and directed, by and with the consent and assistance of a majority of the said Lodge, duly to be summoned and present upon



HOUSE OF WIDOW CRANE (REMODELED), OLD BARN ON RIGHT

such occasionf to elect and install the officerf of the faid Lodge af vacancies happen, in manner and form af if, or may be, prefcribed by the Conftitution of thif Grand Lodge.

And Further, the faid Lodge if hereby invefted with full Power and Authority to affemble upon proper and lawful occasionf, to make Maſonf. and admit Memberf, alfo to do and perform all and every fuch Actf and Thingf appertaining to the Craft af have been and ought to be done, for the Honor and Advantage therof; conforming in all their proceedingf, to the Conftitution of thif Grand Lodge, otherwife thif warrant, and the powerf, hereby granted, to ceafe and be of no further effect.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge, at the City of New York, in the United States of America, this tenth day of June, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twelve, and in the year of Maſonry, Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Twelve.

JOHN WELLS, Grand Secretary.

Registered in the
Book of the Grand
Lodge, page 225.

The first recorded meeting of the lodge was held July 16, 1812, an account of which from the lodge records is as follows : "Pursuant to a Charter issued by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, and a warrant authorizing our Brother Simeon Ford, Worshipful Deputy Grand Master to install a lodge in the town of Litchfield by the name of Olive Branch Lodge. The lodge assembled this day at the house of Widow Crane. The lodge was duly opened by the Grand Master and his Grand Wardens, after which they moved in solemn

procession to the church under the direction of Brother John I. Pendergrast, Grand Marshall, where an excellent and appropriate discourse was delivered by Brother Eber Cowles, R. A. C. The Deputy Grand Master then installed the officers. The procession re-formed and marched back to the house of the Widow Crane where the lodge was closed. They then repaired to a bower where they partook of a repast provided by Brother Ralph Merry, where good fellowship reigned and which was recorded in the quaint words of our first Secretary as follows : "As unity, peace and harmony are the characteristics of real Masons it is useless to mention how the company returned only to say they retired at an early hour." Thus concluded the first communication of this lodge, the precursor of many hundreds.

At the next communication, the committee appointed to draft suitable by-laws, made their report and submitted the following which is reproduced *verbatim et literatim*.

By-laws.

The stated meetings shall be held on every Tuesday, next preceding the full moon in every month, and the lodge shall be opened exactly at 2 o'clock p. m., and closed at 7 p. m.

Every member attending shall pay one shilling and six pence for lodge expenses, which money shall be paid before the lodge is closed each regular lodge night.

All candidates must be endowed with an estate, office, trade, occupation or some visible way of acquiring an

honest and respectable livelihood as becomes this ancient and honorable Fraternity.

The master, wardens and other members of this lodge shall have full power and authority to make, amend, correct or explain these or such other rules and regulations as may seem proper and convenient for the welfare of the lodge, provided such alterations do not remove the ancient landmarks of Free-masonry.

No brother shall interrupt another, nor until he resumes his seat, nor shall any brother speak twice on the same subject unless permitted by the Master, and the brother that refuses to be silent at the sound of the gavel shall pay a fine not exceeding one dollar, according to the nature of the offense which shall be determined by the brethren.

Any brother desirous of a special lodge shall pay the expense thereof and the Master's warrant shall be sufficient to call the same.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to read the by-laws once every regular lodge day if required so to do by the master.

Adopted, July 16, 1812.

The foregoing code of laws was adopted the same evening. At this meeting it was voted that the lodge should meet at the house of Capt. Miller, at which place they continued to meet until Oct. 29, 1816.

It is thought best at this point to make some brief extracts from the minutes, which from their varied subjects may prove of some interest to the Craft, and also to show their wanderings which action gave rise in other lodges to the term movable.

Nov. 14, 1815

Brothers Aylesworth and King were appointed a committee to inquire into the expense of adding a Masonic Hall to the school-house to be built in Dist. No. 6 in the town of Litchfield.

Dec. 16, 1815.

The evening dues were reduced to 12½ cents.

Jan. 9, 1816.

They voted to pay Brother Prentice Yeomans the sum of \$1 per evening for lecturing to the members.

Oct. 1, 1816.

It was voted that the lodge should be removed to the house of Benjamin Denslow.

Jan. 20, 1818.

It was voted that the lodge move to the house of Capt. Samuel Miller.

April 6, 1819.

It was voted to pay Esq. Campbell \$1.25 for cider.

Nov. 31, 1819.

It was voted that Brother Washburn take our vinegar and deliver 2 gals. of cider for one of vinegar.

May 23, 1820.

A committee of 4 was appointed to consult nearby Masons and ascertain whether they would join this lodge providing it would meet at John S. Avery's house.

Dec. 19, 1820.

They voted to petition the Grand Lodge to remove to Frankfort.

The permission for removal was granted.

Oct. 19, 1821.

It was voted to remove the lodge to the house of Peter Bargy, Jr., in Frankfort. The site of this building is now occupied by the Central hotel.

April 30, 1822.

It was moved and carried that Brother Douglass Saterlee provide a barrel of cider, a suitable quantity of crackers and one cheese.

It was the custom in the early part of the century to furnish refreshments, consisting of crackers, cheese and liquids at the regular meetings, and collect the

sum of one shilling six pence from every member present (except the secretary and tyler) and every visiting brother, after his first visit, which sum was to pay for refreshments and other expenses. This practice was continued until by enactment of the Grand Lodge the introduction of intoxicating liquors within a Masonic lodge room, or any room adjoining was forever prohibited. This custom accounts for many of the foregoing extracts from the minutes.

The lodge at its formation opened on the first degree and continued to do so until July, 1844.

In 1822 they appropriated the sum of fifty dollars toward purchasing shares of stock in a public library which was known as the "Union Library" and on Dec. 10, it was moved and carried that those brethren who should be absent two meetings out of three, previous to the quarterly meetings of the library society would be deprived of the privilege of drawing books.

Aug. 19, 1823.

They voted the sum of fifteen dollars for the purpose of erecting a steeple, purchasing a bell and painting the Baptist Meeting House in Schuyler.

Jan. 13, 1824.

It was voted to open the lodge in the future at precisely five o'clock p. m. and it was provided, that should there not be brethren enough present at that time to open the lodge, the lodge should not be opened that term.

Feb. 18, 1824.

The Rev. Bralbeen Bradley being present, it was voted to purchase twelve copies of his address to Masons relative to establishing an academy for the purpose of educating the orphans of Masons.

March 10, 1824.

It was moved and carried that we celebrate S^r. John's day, June 24. A committee of five was appointed, consisting of Brothers Prentice Yeomans, Douglas Satterlee, Samuel Ethridge, Russell Hopkins and John Littlejohn to make all arrangements for the celebration. It was further ordered that a special invitation be given to the adjacent lodges to attend the celebration and likewise published in the newspapers and that a special invitation be given to the Royal Arch lodge at Herkimer and a general one to all chapter and Royal Arch Masons.

This celebration seems not to have taken place.

The year 1824 marks the first building epoch in the history of this lodge. Nov. 30, 1824, a committee of three were appointed to draft a plan and make an estimate of the probable expense of erecting a Masonic Hall of wood or brick and immediately after circulate subscriptions to endeavor to raise said amount. Brothers Mason Barker, Prentice Yeoman and Reuben Hecox were appointed said committee. At the first meeting in 1825 it was resolved to build the building of wood and the committee were empowered to sell the subscriptions at their discretion for the purpose of erecting said building. On this date there was in the hands of the Treasurer \$67.34. A plan for the building was drawn by Prentice Yeomans for which he was paid the sum of \$1.25.

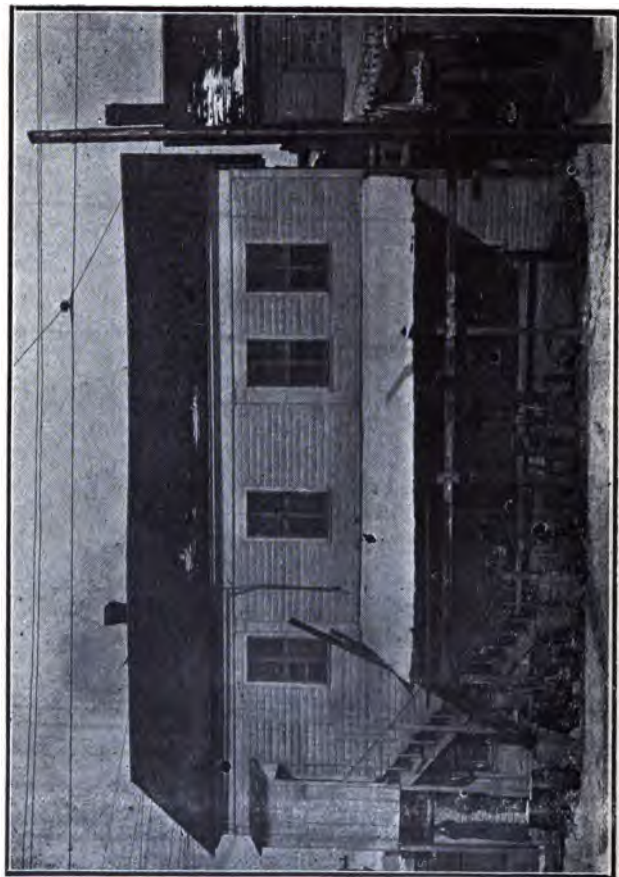
The following is the subscription list :

Douglass Satterlee, nails, trimmings, Frankfort....	\$	25
John Little, jr., material.....	"	30
Chauncey Hannahs.....	"	30
Samuel Ethridge, labor.....	"	25
James M. Winn.....		10
Frederick Bassett.....		10

George Montague, labor.....	15
Abner Fields, Litchfield.....	15
Henry C. Bloodgood, painting, Frankfort.....	5
J. W. Doyle.....	5
William B. Maxwell.....	1
Peter Bargo jr., material, Frankfort... ..	15
George W. Henry, Frankfort.....	10
Anthony I. Quackenbush, furniture.....	15
Judson Foster, painting, Frankfort.....	5
Amasa Mann.....	5
William Ethridge, labor, Schuyler.....	15
Jacob P. Oyer.....	10
Louis M. Randall.....	1
Rufus Howard, material, etc.. Frankfort.....	10
Stephen Bosworth, labor and cash, Frankfort.....	25
C. Johnson.....	1
Joseph Collis, Frankfort.....	10
Sylvester Joslin, timber, Frankfort.....	5
William P. Dygert, " ".....	10
Asa C. Sharp, mason work.....	10
Christopher Greene... ..	5
John Richardson.....	10
M. O. Stevens, Frankfort.....	1
Chauncey Pierce, Frankfort.....	3
Otis Dexter, hemlock and cash, German Flatts....	10
Thomas Pierce, Frankfort.....	2
Elias Palmer, sr., Frankfort.....	5
Isaac Niles.....	2
George W. Dexter, oil, German Flatts.....	15
Dennis Dygert, hemlock delivered, Frankfort.....	5
Daniel Dygert, " " ".....	5
John Fagotte... ..	1
Nicholas Steele.....	1
Thomas B. Gillispie, German Flatts.....	2
Harvey S. Ethridge, labor.....	10
Amos Larlin, mason work, Frankfort.....	10
Erastus Smith, Frankfort.....	15
Jacob W. Putney.....	3
Robert Shoemaker... ..	5

Merry Ford, labor.....	3
John Mann, ".....	10
Prentice Yeomans, labor, German Flatts....	25
Jacob Weber, cash and team work, Frankfort.....	20
Lucas Hager, labor, Frankfort.....	15
L. Harter.....	3
Adam Diefendorf.....	2
Ransom Curtiss.....	3
Warner Folts, Frankfort.....	10
Henry Fillyers, hemlock.....	10
M. Sharp.....	2
William Black.....	2
Thomas Gaynor.....	3
Edward Laury.....	2
Josiah Woodruff, Frankfort.....	5
Jacob Burckdorff, ".....	10
E. Stone, Schuyler.....	5
George Lonis.....	2
L. Hutchins, lumber.....	15
Reuben Hecox, lumber and team-work.....	15
Mason Barker, " " ".....	10
John Walker, jr.....	5
Henry Johnson.....	10
William Williams.....	2
George A. Clapsaddle, timber.....	5
John B. Dygert, team-work, Frankfort.....	5
William W. Dygert, " ".....	5
Samuel Hoard, Frankfort,.....	5
Rev. Eliada Blakesly.....	5
Caleb Budlong, team-work, Frankfort.....	5
George Bridenbecker, Frankfort.....	5
Jacob Brown.....	2
Jacob L. True, Frankfort.....	2
Edwin Adams, ".....	3
Russell Hopkins, iron ware.....	5
Daniel Budlong, Frankfort.....	10
John Snyder.....	1
Samuel Dexter, jr., Schuyler.....	3
Benedict S. Joslin, Frankfort.....	1





MASONIC BUILDING, ERECTED IN 1825

Moses Wadleigh, Frankfort.....	20
Richard Ramsey.....	15
W. Satterlee.....	7
Timothy I. Campbell, Frankfort.	30
Joseph Greene.....	4.50
E. Anhandell.....	3.50
Samuel Howard.....	.50
Total.....	\$759.50

For these subscriptions the lodge issued scrip which was to be redeemed by the lodge with interest. The form of the scrip was as follows :

This certifies, that Caleb Budlong is entitled to \$5 out of the funds of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 221 and Olive Branch Chapter, No. 93, to be payed with interest, at such times and by such installments as said Lodge and Chapter shall direct.

HARVEY PRIOR,

Treasurer of Lodge and Treasurer of Chapter.

The Hall was built in 1825, but in what month it was finished, or when it was first occupied the minutes do not state. It was a two story building situated on the corner of Main and Litchfield streets where the present Masonic block now stands. The first floor was used many years for a public hall. Here the young people of the vicinity received their early education and it was here the Universalist and Baptist churches held their religious services prior to building their church edifices, and for years the Free Methodists held their meetings there, so with truth it may be said that the building moulded the public, private and religious sentiments of the inhabitants of this village in its early days. The building was occupied by the Fraternity

until the year 1896 when it was removed to make place for a larger and more pretentious one. It still stands on Sawmill street where it bids fair to celebrate the 100th anniversary of its existence, its present condition well attests the honesty of material and workmanship employed in its construction.

Mar. 16, 1825, it was voted to celebrate St. John's day, June 24, and that the notice of the celebration be published in a Utica paper and the two papers in Herkimer county. Brothers John Littlejohn, Otis Dexter and Chauncey Hannahs were appointed a committee to make all necessary arrangements. Mar. 29, the committee were directed to request Rev. Brother E. Blakesly to deliver a sermon to the fraternity on that occasion and that Brother John Littlejohn deliver an oration. Apr. 12, Brother F. B. Gillispie reported that he had made a contract with a band of music for that occasion which was duly approved by the lodge.

The bills for publishing the notices of the celebration amounted to \$7.50.

During this year the lodge was on a floodtide of prosperity no less than 20 persons becoming members.

In 1826 their gain was 7; in 1827 the gain was 10.

It was not till 1827 that the lodge received a deed of the land on which the Hall was erected.

Masonry was prosperous during these 3 years. The utmost harmony prevailed. No expulsion marred the peace and harmony of the brotherhood. The brother, widow and orphan in affliction were kindly cared for. In 1827 the wave of anti-masonry swept over the country, distracting Church and State and leading to most disastrous results. Anti-masonry was made the agent, on the part of scheming politicians, for advancing their own interests and for the purpose of clothing them-

selves with power. But most of those demagogues who opposed Masonry (in later years) were ashamed to have it known that they had reproached and slandered such men as Warren, who fell at Bunker Hill, Paul Revere, Washington, Lafayette, Gen Herkimer and others who achieved the independence of the country, Clinton and Tompkins, governors of our own state, and thousands of others who have occupied high positions as statesmen, divines, warriors and citizens.

Olive Branch Lodge felt the full effects of the spirit of anti-masonry. Many were hindered from joining by the false representations of those opposed to masonry through ignorance of its principles, while others withdrew through timidity or the earnest solicitations of friends, until in 1843 they numbered no more than 15. Of these there can be called to mind, George B. Judd, Stephen Bosworth, Edwin Adams, Prentice Yeomans, Robert M. Shearer and Timothy I. Campbell.

How strong public opinion was against Masonry may be inferred from the fact that not one man was initiated from Jan. 29, 1828 to Jan. 10, 1844. The wave of anti-masonry seems to have spent its force about the year 1840 as many who had withdrawn renewed allegiance in the ensuing year. We cannot do too much honor to those heroic souls who, despite the scoffs and jeers of friends and enemies shielded the light through those stormy and tempestuous times and preserved for us the proud distinction that although 180 other lodges chartered prior to our own gave up their charter, yet old Olive Branch Lodge pursued the even tenor of her way, electing her officers each and every year as the years rolled by. Herkimer county in the year 1827 had

six lodges, five of which had surrendered their charters.

It was during this period of meagre membership and the impoverished condition of the lodge that they sold and conveyed by deed the lower part of the building to Stephen Bosworth, who in 1837 left this village. Jan. 9 1847. George B. Judd was paid \$14.72 for his services in recovering the property back from Bosworth. But alas, this deed like Banquo's ghost, would not down and seventy years after the lodge was constrained to purchase a re-conveyance from Bosworth's heirs.

DEATH OF HENRY CLAY.

On the 29th day of June, 1852, Henry Clay, one of America's greatest statesmen, a leader of the people, idolized by his followers, for nearly half a century a conspicuous and commanding figure in public and national affairs at home and abroad, departed this life. On July 27, the Lodge duly assembled and an eulogy was pronounced upon the worthy brother and illustrious dead, and the Lodge room ordered draped in mourning.

Oct. 12, 1852, Brothers Nathan Whitney, Amos H. Prescott, Joseph Strauss, Daniel R. Devendorf, Leonard Lewis, Ezekiel Spencer, John T. Golden and Samuel Schemerhorn withdrew to form Mohawk valley Lodge No. 276.

From 1852 to 1895 nothing occurred in the history of the Lodge out of the ordinary.

The subject of a new building was often canvassed. Talk finally crystalized into action. On March 12, 1895, the following committee was appointed to take

action directed to erecting a three-story building not to exceed \$7,000: Charles Aland, W. I. Piper, C. B. Cleland, J. Donaghy, H. S. Getman, E. J. Carner and H. M. Wood. On August 15, of that year the trustees of the Lodge were added to the building committee, and thence forward to a finished three-story brick block occupying the site of the old building at a cost of \$10,000.

Masonic Fair.

From February 10 to the 18th, 1896, a fair was held at the opera house for the benefit of the Lodge, at which the sum of \$3,000 was realized. The persons having charge of the fair were: President, Charles Aland; vice presidents, C. W. Nipe, Wm. Wayne, F. Parkhurst; secretary, H. S. Getman; treasurer, C. C. Harter. The Ladies' executive committee: Mrs. S. S. Richards, chairman; Mrs. G. N. Lehr, vice-chairman; Miss Genevieve Wood and Mrs. H. S. Getman, associates.

The following program was successfully carried out:

ORDER OF EVENTS.

MONDAY EVENING.

Opening Address, E. LaGrange Smith
Grand Concert, West Shore Shop Band

TUESDAY EVENING.

COMEDY.

By Best Local Talent, Entitled The

LITTLE COUNTRY STORE.

Music, - - - - - Frankfort Orchestra
 E. Gerrard, Pianist; F. Parkhurst, Violinist; H. E
 Carner, Cornetist; F. Watson, Flutist.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Laughable Sketch, - - - - - Uncle Johnathan's Album
 Singing, - - - - - Ilion Standard Male Quartette
 Solo, - - - - - Miss Maude Lewis
 Recitation, - - - - - Miss Grace Watkins
 Piano Solo, - - - - - Prof. Rockwell

THURSDAY EVENING.

ILION NIGHT.

Under the management of the Ladies of Eastern
 Star Chapter, O. E. S.

Music, - - - - - Ilion Brass Band
 Stereoptican Views, - - - - - Mr. Samuel Skinner
 Singing, etc.

FRIDAY EVENING.

Promenade Concert, - - - - - West Shore Shop Band

SATURDAY EVENING.

Nestor's Celebrated Orchestra.

Singing, - - - - - Frankfort Quarett
 Messrs. Haynes, Carner, Weaver and Thomas.
 Solo, - - - - - Mrs. James Hagan
 Character Sketch, - - - - - Magher Bros.

MONDAY EVENING.

Comedy—The Little Country Store.

Music, - - - - - Frankfort Orchestra

TUESDAY—CLOSING NIGHT.

SPECIAL FEATURES.

A door prize will be given each night.

Refreshments will be served each night during the
 fair.

A smoking room will be provided and cigars on sale.

A cloak room will also be provided.

Concert by the wonderful graphophone every evening.

Contest between E. R. Weaver, Hook and Ladder Co. No. 3 and G. R. Bennett, H. M. Wood Steamer Co. No. 3, for a solid gold fireman's badge.

Also a contest for a beautiful P. M. Jewell.

In opening the fair, Mr. Smith said in closing, referring to the work of the order and the beautiful home near the city of Utica: "Almost within sight of this spot stands a silent and impressive witness to its object is large enough, and its charity broad enough to cover both the casket, which has a yesterday, and the cradle, which has a to-morrow. It mingles sympathy and compassion with sorrow and distress, and blends into life's defeat the hope, that forever banishes despair."

Great credit is due to the ladies who had charge of the several booths and to those who took an active part in the conduct of the fair. The success of this effort was largely due to the energy, good judgment and work of the ladies. Especially to the Eastern Star Chapter of Ilion is the Lodge deeply indebted, and here it wishes to acknowledge that indebtedness.

The ladies having charge of the several booths were:

Knight Templars Booth—Miss Genevieve Wood, Mrs. Chas. Christie, Mrs. Geo. Smith, Mrs. Finn, Mrs. Parkhurst, Mrs. Rich, Mrs. Bliss.

Eastern Star Booth, Ilion—Mr. and Mrs. Hanchett, Mr. and Mrs. D. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. J. Whitfield, Mrs. Whitney.

Mrs. Rose' Booth—Mrs. Fraleigh, Mrs. Bargo, Mrs. Valentine.

Candy Pooth—Mrs. S. Johnson, Miss May Thomas, Miss Maude Lewis, Miss Nellie Hoard.

Young Ladies' Table—Miss Anna Piper, Miss Maude Ballard, Miss Orla Potter, Miss Estella Dudleston, Miss Bertha Potter, Miss Anna Thomas, Miss Beulah Thomas,

Refreshment Booth—Mrs. Charles Aland, Mrs. Chip Taber, Mrs. C. B. Cleland, Mrs. J. I. Ingersoll, Mrs. Stearns, Mrs. Homer Carder, Mrs. Bettner, Mrs. A. R. Givin, Mrs. E. D. Potter, Mrs. B. Scammell, Miss Sadie Piper, Miss Grace Wickens.

Country Store—Charles Nipe.

Annex—Mrs. C. Nipe, Mrs. Wm. Wayne, Mrs. G. I. Seaman, Mrs. H. H. Ingham, Mrs. E. LaGrange Smith.

The Last Meeting in the Old Hall.

The last meeting in the Old Hall was held May 12, 1896. There was sadness on the features of Worshipful Master Ingersoll as he rapped for order. It was understood that this was to be the last meeting in the old room and the attendance was large. Visiting brothers were present from Ilion, Herkimer, Utica, and other places. After conferring the second degree a social time was enjoyed by all present. Charles L. Fellows of Newport, District Deputy Grand Master, addressed the brethren, Charles B. Cleland gave an interesting and instructive history of the Lodge; Myron K. Ellsworth spoke on the "Past Masters;" Charles Aland made appropriate remarks on the fair lately held by the order; remarks were also made by N. A. Hanchett of Ilion, and W. I. Taber of Herkimer. Refreshments were served in the room, after which E. La Grange Smith was called on to answer the toast, "The

"Old Lodge Room." Answering he said !

Mr. Toast Master and Gentlemen :—The relation of this room with the Masonic Fraternity ceases to-night.

Like some good, tried, faithful old friend it has met its object and fulfilled its mission far better than most of us. As we are about to desert it, sentiment gives to it a life, a feeling, a personality. Fancy peoples it with the past, and fills it with reality; reason animates it; the imagination clothes it with an existence, a being which will go out into the darkness as we pass out into the night.

It has a life, and life under any condition is grand. It will die, and death in any form, is sublime. We never appreciate anything until it is lost to us. The veneration, the respect, the affection that surround objects lost, depend upon our associations with them, and the more intimate those associations are with our own lives, the greater the veneration and regard, the more poignant and bitter the sense of their loss.

When we go from this lodge room to-night, and view it from the street, as the Tyler turns, for the last time the key, from these windows, like eyes to a human soul, like the look upon the face of a departing spirit, will flash the memories and associations of years ago, and, in our mind's eye, we will see the old building giving the grand hailing sign of distress.

For seventy years it has stood a representative, a home, an altar of the fraternity. These give it a value, and throw about it a halo that commands our attention and calls forth our admiration and regard. In it man has been taught his highest duty, here he has seen the highest good, and at times, caught glimpses of the ultimate goal. From it men have gone, filled with the spirit of its surroundings, and, guided by the light of its truths, made life a grand success, and, when the shadows lengthened, those truths became an invert-

ed torch, guiding their feet through the dark valley into the light.

Brothers, after to-night, this lodge room will be to some only a memory, to others an ever living fact. Shadow or substance, to some of us, in its modesty, its humility, its consistent and venerable past, it will ever far outshine its more beautiful and imposing successor. Let us hope that the lessons here taught, the precepts here given, and the memory of this lodge with its associations go with each and every one of us, to cheer and light our way, to lift our burdens, and finally, if it needs be, to soften the somber hue of our destiny.

The gavel was called into requisition for the last time and Olive Branch Lodge was forever dismissed in the historic old building. The members took a final look, clasped each other's hands and bid the room farewell. At 11:30 the place was vacant, the lights were out.

THE CORNER-STONE LAID IN DUE AND ANCIENT FORM.

In the afternoon of September 10, 1896, in the presence of a large audience and brethren from Little Falls, Herkimer, Mohawk and Ilion, the Corner-Stone of the new building was laid with impressive masonic ceremonies by Deputy Grand Master Duncan of Fort Plain. Rev. C. E. Miller, pastor of the M. E. Church and a brother, opened with prayer.

The copper box, containing a Bible, 19 coins, 3 shins, 1 jewel, 1896 almanac, photograph of old building, history and rooster of Olive Branch Lodge, a World almanac, copies of Utica Herald. Utica Press,

Utica Observer, Utica Saturday Globe, West Winfield Star, Ilion Citizen, Herkimer Citizen, Little Falls Journal and Courier, Herkimer Democrat, Little Falls Evening Times, Herkimer County News, Frankfort Register, maps of Utica and Frankfort, Frankfort directory, G. A. R. badge and button, list of town and village officers, souvenir of Masonic fair, the constitution and by-laws of the different orders and lodges in Frankfort, the constitution and by-laws of the Masonic Lodge and of the Eastern Star Chapter of Ilion, was placed and the corner stone laid.

George A. Smith then took charge of the exercises. Letters of regret from Hon. John W. Vrooman and others were read. The Frankfort Quartet sang a Masonic hymn, followed by the literary part of the program, Frank B. Parkhurst opening with a fine address. In closing he said :

The sentiments which actuate the laying of this corner stone are of deep significance. These ceremonies cause us to consider the elevating tenets which will be inculcated in the commodious and substantial structure which is to grace this spot — a suitable home for Olive Branch Lodge, an honor to the Craft and an ornament to this village.

The remaining Greek and Roman Temples, with all their beauty of outline and imposing designs, evince a lower ideal than that which moves us at this hour ! Those ancient edifices were erected to propitiate many vengeful gods ; while we, in this enlightened age, under the single benign and ever living Diety, build to His glory and our mutual moral betterment. Tribal preju-

dice engendered the spirit of national intolerance, which ever lingered in the Agora and the Forum, hovering over the Acropolis and the Capitol, and ultimately appearing in the provinces to the confusion of those heroic peoples. In the Temple which is to stand here the spirit of fraternal kindness will predominate, to ennoble character and assist in the advancement of society.

In seeking the causes which prompt this rejoicing we learn that not in the mystic province alone but also in the broad empire of simplicity, the Fraternity has received sublime impulses; here all civilizations, from Egypt to the present, speak to us in familiar discourse; here we learn that cunning and falsehood are the resources of the weak and perishable; that sincerity is the resort of the strong and enduring. It is this that has held the attention of contemplative man, giving Masonry its dignity and usefulness, shedding honor upon its name to this hour, amid our liberal political institutions. With all these civil advantages, which give opportunities to the citizen and harmony and strength to the State, what student will deny that in the conflict of good and evil, of virtue and vice, Masonry has been, and still is, an auxiliary of civilization? And if history should fail to chronicle the highest attainments of the age, may the preservative genius of the Craft, as in the vicissitudes of the centuries, charm the imagination of coming generations, and thus assist the progress of humanity.

It is meet that we cement this corner stone with well tempered mortar, that it may support the main

edifice for our mutual good, afford benefits which will redound to each individual member without sacrificing conscience or citizenship, that it may conduce to a higher development of manhood by exemplifying the truths of our Order. Thus inspirations and good deeds combine to form the figurative keystone in the sublime arch of our faith. Hopeful that this endeavor will culminate in the advancement of all true and accepted Masons, who here assemble, or may hereafter assemble, to partake of refreshments, which are healthful to the mind as well as to the body, we congratulate ourselves, and hail all visiting brethren with joy, fidelity and brotherly love. Welcome, thrice welcome!

Charles Cleland followed with a history of the Lodge. He said in part :

At Crain's Corners in the town of Litchfield in the year 1812 a settlement, which was then larger than the villages of Ilion or Frankfort, Olive Branch Lodge sprang into existence. As the war clouds of 1812 settled over the land, we find a number of the members enlisted in their country's cause. At the expiration of their service they started for their distant homes without money or provisions, until Richard Smith, a mason both operative and speculative, securing employment, enabled them to live in comfort as they slowly wended their way back to the Mohawk Valley. In 1822, with the advent of the Erie Canal and the increase of population, along its course it was deemed advisable to move the Lodge to Frankfort village. In 1825 a building was erected by the Fraternity which gave place in 1896 to a more pretentious one. In 1859 the tide of emigration flowing westward carried many of its members with it, where they attained to positions in state and nation. Many of the members have held

positions of public trust in town, county and state. In the '60's, when the clangor of war rolled over the land, many joined the army, and of its membership between the year 1860 and '68 one-third had served with honor and distinction in the Union army. Not one deserter mars her record. Some of those veterans are here with us today, while others sleep beneath Virginia's soil, and her pines are singing requiems o'er their graves. Seventy-one long years ago a little handful gathered on this self-same spot and consecrated it to Masonic use. That sturdy, old New England stock, who composed that little handful, experienced harder times than we ever knew. Yet, as they wielded axe, hammer and saw in the erection of their Masonic tabernacle, their hearts were as blithe as the birds about them, for their faith was unbounded and their belief in Masonic tenets unlimited. How well they builded we alone do know. They builded for posterity. They shielded the light through stormy and tempestuous time, and for their devotion to Masonry, "full well we love them, but we ne'er can love them well enough."

Joseph J. Dudleston being called, responded, saying among other things:

We are called together today by an occasion of rejoicing. The prospects of the early attainment of a long desired object is ours, and we are glad to assemble here with our friends that we may rejoice together. The laying of a corner stone is a waymark in an undertaking. It points both to the past and the future. It tells of work already accomplished, while it is eloquent with praise of that which is yet to be. It is, therefore, highly fitting that we pause at this time and contemplate the true meaning of the occasion; that we briefly survey the work already accomplished and consider something of the local significance of its successful completion. Men enjoy most that which they have themselves earned. The Allwise ruler hath

decreed that man should live by the sweat of his own brow. He has further added, as a still higher incentive, for man to labor, the highest degree of enjoyment in the fruits of his own toil: Happy is the man or that woman who is partaker of such an enjoyment! Happy the community whose men and whose women are self-reliant! I am proud of the fact that I am able to congratulate such men and such women here today! Men and women who have proven themselves able to cope with great difficulties and to rise above all discouragements. They have proven themselves to be self-helpful. They have manifested the spirit that 'will either find a way or make one.' They sat not down and waited for some person of wealth to do for them; they have wrought for themselves. In the oft-quoted words of the old Roman poet: "They were able because they seem to be able." Olive Branch Lodge has done well. A host of Masonic brethren not members of Olive Branch have done nobly, but if it were not for the active, united and most generous assistance of the men and women of the entire village and community we would not be here today. The laying of a corner stone is truly a time for rejoicing. It quickens and lends encouragement. A corner stone possesses a typical significance. It is a symbol of that which is of fundamental importance. What a fitting memorial, then, to the industry, the perseverance and the tireless energy of the men and women of our town and of our community. Their efforts may most fittingly be regarded as the corner stone of this enterprise.

E. LaGrange Smith closed the literary exercises with a short address. He said in part:

No ship leaves shore without compass and anchor. The compass for the storm, the cloud, the dark; the anchor for the wave, the surge, the billow. When, with troubled, turbulent waters beneath, tempest and lightning above, the ship rides the abyss below, when

the sea and cloud meet, when it is dark, the trembling needle still guides to port and home. When the angry swell of the sea lifts amid breakers and the rolling surge beats and breaks upon rock, the anchor holds * * * There is something inspiring, grand, yet terrible, in the onward march of human society. * * * As the sea has its currents, its whirlpools, its reefs; the sky its shadows, its storms, its tempests, its stars, so civilization has its moral gulfs, its hideous precipices, its highlands, its mountain tops * * * Masonry, like the Christian Church, is constructive. It builds individuality; it grows character. The trend of our civilization is to absorb and destroy individuality. The multitude press toward Sinai and gather about Olympus, but the individual picks his way, in hope, to Carmel, and stands redeemed, regenerated, renewed at the Rock of Joseph . . . Masonry is noble, in that it stands for, and has ever represented a higher, a better, a truer civilization; noble, in that it is just to the individual, generous to the living, and, in charity, coffins with this body of clay the faults of man and the frailties of life.

The craftsmen and brethren had well performed their duty.

The Home of Olive Branch Lodge Dedicated.

On the evening of March 29, 1897, the new building was dedicated with appropriate exercises. Joseph B. Duncan of Fort Plain, representing the Grand Lodge of the State, was Master of Ceremonies, and was assisted by I. T. Burney, Master of Little Falls Lodge, acting as Deputy Grand Master; W. I. Taber, Master of Herkimer Lodge, acting as Senior Grand Warden; J. D. Fitch, Master of Mohawk Lodge, acting as Junior



MASONIC BUILDING, ERECTED IN 1896

Grand Warden; N. G. Hanchet, Master of Ilion Lodge, acting as Chaplain; and Hon. David G. Hackney of Fort Plain, Grand Marshal. Many from Little Falls, Herkimer, Mohawk and Ilion were resent. The audience was large and the rooms well filled. The ceremonies were interesting and impressive. Brother Frank B Parkhurst, from the Masters' station in the East, delivered an able address, which was given close attention. The orator said :

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER AND BRETHREN :
 The hour has arrived when we may celebrate an important epoch in the history of Olive Branch Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. In this dedication you manifest an appreciation of the benefits and privileges vouchsafed to every loyal Mason. This consecration prompts us to consider our obligations to Him who led our ancient Brethren out of darkness into the light, not for their edification alone, but for the improvement of the generations who were to follow.

The original tabernacle of our Egyptian Brethren was a rude affair indeed compared with the elaborate temple situated upon Mount Moriah, or even with this edifice. Yet, within the four walls of that oblong in the wilderness, was revealed much that has led to rational thought and rational action. Even as a legend it would still impart useful instruction. The Syrians and Greeks, while they added to architectural forms, and were exclusive in their customs and rites, often gave emphasis at their shrines and in their literature to rules of conduct transmitted from the banks of the Nile, through Palestine, and across the blue Mediterranean. August Rome, in the height of her power, did not completely ignore the experience which had gone before; even when human dignity and virtue seemed to have perished in the cruel reign of Nero, when law ceased to protect, and the remnant of hope began to

safe in the pagan Capital, those who treasured in the secrecy of their hearts that which no persecution could obliterate invoked the ever living God for consolation and redress. The impress of Hellenic reasoning and of the Pandects is not only seen in the civil laws and manners of Europe, but the humane spirit of Hebrew legislation has been traced by the scholar to the civilization of our day; there is indubitable evidence that elevating institutions rest upon long settled precedents as well as upon present customs and enactments.

Vain and illusory would be the claim of modern man that by his own ingenuity he has reached his present status. Well may we, as Masons, cherish those traditions which emanated from the light-giving incidents in Moses' and Solomon's time, traditions which have been so heroically preserved by our organization through the gloom of centuries, which are typified in this chamber, a symbolical representation which has conduced to Masonic growth and permanency.

To the reflecting and consistent Mason, Masonry is an intellectual repository and a moral guide. Like all institutions wrought out by worthy motives, and perpetuated by rigid discipline, this of ours stands by the highway of civilization like an obelisk whose inscription is eloquent in the recital of achievements, as well as admonitory in the record of trials and tribulations.

Contemplative man, comparing the principles suggested by the emblems of art and the undeviating truths of philosophy, erected this system, as unique as it is instructive in design. By the light of experience he has been able to develop a fundamental plan, which, in affording glimpses of Supreme Wisdom, inspired him to clothe his deductions in a figurative language as sublime and beautiful as ever fell from human lips.

So long as comparison is a requisite of knowledge, so long will symbols be utilized to retain and advance

acquirements. By analogy we trace the hidden threads that bind the creation into unity. No man can completely fathom and explain the mystery of his own being—the most wondrous sentient symbol in the terrestrial sphere—yet, his consciousness, speaking through his natural body, constantly tells of the revelations found by diligent research and speculation in the moral code of Diety; and it is significant that advanced science, although quickening the human mind, has not disproved but confirmed the tenets of our Fraternity. The Jehovah of the fathers is the Masonic God of this day resplendent in his government of the universe!

As the pen is a symbol suggestive of written thought, and as the compass and quadrant hint of the safe navigation of the deep, so the working tools of Freemasonry symbolize their utility. The mortar and rock could not be moulded into strength and beauty by the human mind unaided by the tools of the operative workman, but together they have accomplished marvels for the comfort and advancement of mankind. The architect, conceiving the design, delineates it upon the trestleboard; the skilled artisan, faithful to established principles, simulates the draft in material form.

The accusation that modern civilization has cancelled our usefulness, because despotism, or lawlessness, do not stifle rational freedom in this quarter of the globe, is an error known to the member who stands upon principle and not upon mere ceremony; to him there is a deeper meaning in the sublime language of Masonry; to him its influence is continuous and not momentary; not by pretensions has he been led to profitable meditations; but from the deep fraught arguments of the Order he has imbibed healthful nourishment as a man and a Mason. The inspiration derived from this source has, and ever will, elevate its adherents, so long as their souls seek expansion. We do not deny that we have had those who, from want of reflection, have failed

to enjoy that which Masonry gives. But the great majority of the Brotherhood, in the spirit of chivalry, have often reclaimed its delinquents, and shielded the reforming Brother from public gossip; charity is not based upon money alone! The acme of its power is reached by disinterested deeds and righteous endeavor.

Whatever the assumptions of men, and the hypocrisy of the world, eternal truth will yet remain to warn and edify. The tie that binds for good, and the principles that bring unalloyed happiness, are just as sacred as in the days of old, and we verily believe the palmy period of the Order lies not behind but before. As the world expands in thought and heart the better appreciated will be the genius of Masonry; it "gathers strength as general enlightenment extends its empire, and a higher moral altitude is attained by mankind." When the race is emancipated from passion and prejudice, then will the usefulness of our Order cease. Here we not only learn self-watchfulness, but of the sure rewards which come from honorable conduct toward our fellows, else why these aspirations! No secret society can be a menace to republican institutions so long as its members repel selfishness and corruption, and value integrity and justice—the motives which bring and maintain order and wholesome laws—they will remain loyal to the government of their country; men of quick sensibilities and dispassionate feelings, of whatever faction, will readily concede the utility of such lessons. Although we have passed the ages of gross ignorance and superstition, and while enlightened justice and sympathy are gradually assuming sway, we still bear in mind the necessity of self-control and personal reformation.

Masonic history is not only a history of moral culture and moral power, but its ritual points to a superlative degree beyond—a condition attainable not only by the embellishment of the mind, but also by broadening the heart. We have learned that, from its genesis to the present, Masonry has held in high regard

those cardinal virtues which develop mankind and impel the progress of social order, drawing to its fold many of the cultured in every clime, and enriching the minds of its devotees with maxims of wisdom. These truisms will ever remain dear to every reflecting Mason. It was these primal principles that moved that enlightened sovereign, the great Frederick of Prussia, to indite these words: "A society which enjoys itself only in sowing the seed and bringing forth the fruit of every kind of virtue in my dominions, may always be assured of my protection. I pray God to take you and your lodge under His holy and deserved protection."

We have learned that Masonry not only teaches exterior scrutiny, but also prompts self-examination, that it seeks by introspection the correction of evils, which otherwise could not be eradicated from the body social; that, by reforming and encouraging the individual, it not only gives happiness to the community, but strengthens the State; in short, that its aim is, when followed in the spirit and not in name, second only to the benign influence of Christianity, of which it is a handmaid. In the forceful words of an astute Brother: "If Freemasonry is not a religion, it stands guard at the gate of the great temple in which all creeds are blended into one, where Jew and Gentile may worship side by side, where the prayers of all nationalities may ascend together to the Father of all."

Mistaken, indeed, is the stranger to our faith who surmises that we will meet in this commodious room, the pride of our hearts, simply for relaxation from business to amuse ourselves by rehearsing frivolous words and stilted forms. Here men will abandon strife and expediency, and contemplate the rewards of forbearance and kindness. Shut in from the cares and bickerings of the world they will here think upon manhood's worth. Nay, in these reflections the compact of society, of the family and of the brotherhood of man, will be better understood and appreciated

amid the duties of daily life. Within this domain men are not given to exaggeration, distortion and injustice; rational thoughts bring rational deeds and contentment. Such meditations not only stir their hearts with gratitude, but build a self-respect which is a solace and armor through good and through evil report. We are not deaf nor blind to the fact that experience exhorts us to prudence and moderation, that we are required, by wisdom and caution, to conserve and administer our material resources that we may ultimately reach that period in our history so ardently desired. Difficulties, my Brethren, are often but momentary tests of constancy. The duties of the present and the future do not dissuade but stimulate to new efforts in the advancement of the Craft.

The motives involved in the dedication of this temple go as deeply as the roots of social life and individual progress. The scope of religion embraces futurity, the genius of our Order teaches mutual moral obligation—those tenets of public and private virtue so necessary for human advancement in every calling, the abandonment of which would cause mankind to return to a brigandage worse than feudalism.

In building this edifice we raise another monument to the truths of speculative Masonry, another abode wherein we may, in solemn conclave, inculcate those ennobling principles which echo through the ages, and which will leave their enduring marks in the future. Such is the glorious mission of our Order, and such a simple tribute to an Organization whose altar has been pressed in meekness by the hands of a Washington and a LaFayette.

In putting off the old and assuming the new we do not forget our allegiance; we hold sacred the exalting affiliations of the past. To the attentive ear and faithful breast those influences which have been of utility never vanish, but linger to elucidate the present and guide the future. Material forms may change, but by adhering to immutable truths the mysteries of infinite

wisdom are gradually unfolded to the understanding; herein our consciousness receives a response from above—inspiration which the world cannot give nor take away. Above the ever-shifting scenery of the clouds is the calm celestial vault illuminated by the handiwork of the Creator, vast and immeasurable, yet harmonious and soul-stirring in its significance!

So we have hope, we have faith, that he who seeks light in the true spirit will be uplifted by the just and benevolent Master of the Universe, who has granted intelligence to man that he may, by due consideration and rational conduct, obey the eternal law, and thus advance from apprenticeship here below to that sublime degree, the mysteries of which will ultimately be revealed in "that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

Brethren, however imperfect the version, we know that Masonic lessons and motives pre-eminently concern man's immediate welfare, and do they not also suggest his eternal well-being, that "this shred of life cannot be all the web?" While they practically teach the advantages of self-denial, living in peace, and bearing each other's burdens, do they not direct the mind to the marvelous scheme of the Infinite? every revelation of which stirs the divinity within us, intimating, in our faith, the logic of human events, and the harmony of nature, the immortality of man!

After the address a banquet, provided by the ladies, was enjoyed in the banquet hall, after which the assembly was again called to order in the lodge room by E. LaGrange Smith, acting as toastmaster, and the following toasts were answered:

The Mohawk Valley.....	Jas. B. Rafter of Mohawk.
The Grand Lodge.....	Hon. W. C. Prescott of Herkimer.
Our New Home.....	Chas. D. Thomas of Herkimer.
The Bench.....	Hon. E. R. Devendorf of Herkimer.
Our Country.....	Chas. Bell of Herkimer.
The Flag.....	J. B. Fitch of Mohawk.
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1842	"	"	"
1843	John B. Dygert	Wm. T. Sheldon	Edwin Adams
1844	George B. Judd	Lyman Mead	Daniel Tucker
1845	William T. Sheldon	"	"
1846	Lyman Mead	Daniel Tucker	James Piper
1847	Daniel Tucker	Ezra Graves	Henry S. Devendorf
1848	William T. Sheldon	Lucas Hager	Elkanah T. Cleland
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1850	Elkanah T. Cleland	William Dygert	Chauncey Elwood
1851	William Dygert	Chauncey Elwood	Rudolph W. Dygert
1852	Chauncey Elwood	John L. Hoard	Garwood L. Judd
1853	William T. Sheldon	Garwood L. Judd	J. Watson Dunham
1854	"	Lambert Hensler	Cornelius Hegaman
1855	Lambert Hensler	Charles Howell	Dwight Mather
1856	Charles Howell	John L. Hoard	David Billings
1857	William T. Sheldon	"	"
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1862	"	John D. Fish	Thomas Richardson
1863	"	Thomas Richardson	George A. Kenyon
1864	"	Albert H. Sheldon	Charles E. Staring
1865	Albert H. Sheldon	Chas. E. Staring	Leander Atwell
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1868	"	Josiah A. Steele	Sanford Getman

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1872	"	"	"
1873	"	"	"
1874	William I. Piper	George A. Kenyon	William I. Piper
1875	Judson Joslin	Walter Deuel	Myron K. Ellsworth
1876	William I. Piper	James J. Zoller	Charles A. Willard
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1878	James J. Zoller	Myron K. Ellsworth	George R. Lewis
1879	"	"	Charles Hotaling
1880	"	"	"
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1882	James J. Zoller	"	Richard R. Rising
1883	Myron K. Ellsworth	"	"
1884	"	Charles A. Pooler	Charles M. Rich
1885	William I. Piper	Charles M. Rich	Lewis M. Churches
1886	"	James J. Zoller	"
1887	Myron K. Ellsworth	Jay A. Ford	Seymour S. Richards
1888	Jay A. Ford	Seymour S. Richards	Arthur R. Givin
1889	Charles A. Pooler	William D. Allen	James Donaghy
1890	"	James Donaghy	Charles Aland
1891	Charles Aland	William Blanford	Edward J. Carner
1892	"	Charles B. Cleland	"
1893	"	Edward J. Carner	Irving W. Ingersoll
1894	Charles B. Cleland	Irving W. Ingersoll	Chip Taber
1895	"	H. Seymour Getman	Samuel S. McGowan
1896	Irving W. Ingersoll	Samuel S. McGowan	Chauncey C. Harter
1897	"	"	"
1898	H. Seymour Getman	"	Carroll E. Hoyt
1899	Charles Aland	E. LaGrange Smith	Frank A. Russell
1900	"	"	Edward R. Weaver
1901	"	Edward R. Weaver	Bert C. Sterling

List of members who served in the Army and Navy during the Wars of 1812 and the Civil War, as far as we have been able to ascertain with accuracy:

1812.

Bellinger, Daniel.
Littlejohn, Jno., Jr.
Nelson, Julius C.

Smith, Richard.
Townsend, Zacariah

CIVIL WAR.

Barry, James F.
 Beeler, James H.
 Blanford, William.
 Brown, Darius.
 Budlong, Andrew J.
 Coburn, Daniel.
 Crosby, Theodore S.
 Davis, John.
 Deuel, Walter.
 Devendorf, Daniel B.
 Ellsworth, M. K.
 Fish, John D.
 Gorham, Eugene.
 Hamer, David L.
 Haskell, Darius.

Hensler, Lambert.
 Howell, Charles.
 Johnson, Joseph W.
 McGowan, James.
 Myers, Alonzo C.
 Richardson, G. Pliny.
 Richardson, John O.
 Sheldon, Hazard H.
 Staring, Charles E.
 Staring, DeWitt Clinton.
 Steele, Josiah A.
 Sterling, Adam H.
 Tillinghast, J. Clark.
 Wood, Henry M.
 Zoller, Wellington.

Fair of 1901.

After considerable canvassing, it was concluded to hold a fair at the Opera House, commencing December 7th. The following committees were appointed and program arranged :

Executive Committee—S. S. Richards, S. P. Weaver, Richard Rose, C. B. Cleland, C. W. Nipe, W. H. Waterbury, J. H. J. Watkins and Chas. Aland.

Chairman of Printing Committee—J. W. Jones.

Chairman of Entertainment Committee — H. S. Getman.

Chairman of Reception Committee—S. S. McGowan.

Chairman of Soliciting Committee—J. J. Dudleston, Jr.

Chairman of Decorating Committee—Jas. Donaghy.

Chairman of Lighting Committee—Homer W. Carder.

Chairman of Booth Committee—Charles M. Widrick.

Chairman of Music Committee—E. Gerrard.

Ladies' Committee — Mrs. S. S. Richards, Miss Genevieve Wood and Mrs. C. B. Cleland.

PROGRAM:

SATURDAY EVENING.

Opening Address.....Hon. John W. Vrooman
Solo.....Miss Bessie Thomas
Selections.....Frankfort Band
Solo.....Miss Bessie Thomas

MONDAY EVENING.

Charles Haynes' entertainment, a two-act farce, entitled
"Dorothy Clyde," under the direction of Miss Mamie
Farrell.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Ilion Night.....Ilion Masonic Lodge

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Refined vaudeville, under the direction of F. S.
Cresson; also a comedy, entitled "Cupid, M. D."

THURSDAY EVENING.

Entertainment.....Prof. J. H. J. Watkins

FRIDAY EVENING.

Herkimer Night.....Herkimer Masonic Lodge

**Biographical Sketch of the Members of Olive
Branch Lodge, No. 40, Arranged in
the Chronological Order of
Their Membership.**

In a great many instances it has seemed impossible to procure original data. In these cases tradition has been used. Should this pamphlet fall into the hands of any who can give authentic data, it will be considered a great favor if they will kindly communicate with the undersigned, who will furnish blanks for that purpose.

C. B. CLELAND.

1812.

Merry Ralph, merchant, came from Middlesex, Mass., to Litchfield, where he resided when he became a member of this lodge. He afterward moved to Ilion, where he died, aged 87. Was a member of Warren lodge, 155, Columbia, N. Y.

Dow, Stephen, resident of the town of Litchfield. Was a member of Warren lodge, 155.

Daniel Aylesworth, resided in Litchfield. Was born March 21, 1777, in the State of Vermont; by occupation a farmer; died at Litchfield September 28, 1851; formerly of Warren lodge 155.

Butler, Jonathan, merchant, resided in the town of Litchfield. He was the first secretary of Olive Branch lodge; was supervisor of Litchfield in 1838-39. Where he died or when is unknown. Formerly of Warren lodge 155.

Merry, Truman, farmer, born in Middlesex, Mass. Resided in Litchfield at time of joining.

Snow, Timothy, farmer, resided in Litchfield. Formerly of Warren lodge 155.

Moses, Elisha D., farmer, resided in Litchfield. Formerly of Warren lodge 155.

Palmer, Wyatt, farmer, resided in Litchfield. Formerly of Amicable lodge 22.

Heald, Daniel, farmer; lived in Litchfield. Warren lodge 155.

Willard, Adam, resident of Litchfield; was born April 9, 1764, in the town of Pomfret, Conn. By occupation a farmer; died at Litchfield November 26, 1829. Amicable lodge 22, Herkimer, N. Y.

Stephen A. Matteson, resident of Litchfield. Was born 1790; by occupation a farmer. First person initiated in Olive Branch lodge. Died at Litchfield October 9th, 1866.

1813.

John Joslin, resident of Frankfort. Was born October 9, 1765, in the State of Rhode Island; by occupation a farmer; moved to Frankfort 1800; supervisor of Frankfort 1807 to 1822. Died at Frankfort September 6, 1845.

Ellis, Nathan, farmer, resided in Litchfield.

Dygert, Dennis, merchant, resided in East Frankfort.

Yeomans, Prentice, carpenter, resided in German Flatts; moved to Ionia, Mich., in 1837.

David Ball resided in Litchfield. Was born October 24, 1783, in Temple, N. H.; moved to Litchfield in 1790; by occupation a farmer; moved to Ortonville, Mich., in 1838. Died at Ortonville, Oakland county, Mich., September 6, 1858.

Andrews, Asahel, farmer, Litchfield.

Ross, Artemas, farmer, Litchfield.

Richard Smith, moved to Litchfield in 1788; was born May 25, 1774; in the State of New Jersey; by occupation a farmer. Member of Assembly in 1827. Died at Litchfield in 1846.

Warren, Elijah, farmer, Litchfield.

Amos Newton, farmer, Litchfield.

1814.

Julius C. Nelson, born February 14, 1793, in the State of Connecticut; by occupation a farmer. Moved to Litchfield, afterwards to Sheridan, N. Y., in 1836. In war of 1812; was elected county clerk of Herkimer county in 1832. Died at Kings, Ohio, April 12, 1882.

King, Jonathan, Litchfield.

Washburn, Josiah.

Furnace, George, blacksmith, resided in Litchfield.

Zacariah Townsend, resided in Litchfield. Was born August 15, 1782 in the town of Dutchess, Dutchess county, now Putnam county, State of New York; by occupation a farmer. Moved to Litchfield in 1792, thence to Saquoit in 1838. Captain of a volunteer company in 1812; went to Sacketts Harbor; company raised in Herkimer county. Died at Saquoit, Oneida county, N. Y., October 28, 1874. Masonic funeral when buried.

Jonas Washburn.

Caleb Budlong, resided in Frankfort. Was born in Rensselaer county, N. Y., October 17, 1791; by occupation a physician. Moved to Frankfort in 1793. First postmaster of Frankfort in 1815; member of assembly in 1824; supervisor of Frankfort in 1835. Graduated from Fairfield Medical School in 1813. Died at Frankfort Nov. 3, 1865.

Heald, Oliver.

1815.

Lewis, Shubal, farmer, Litchfield.

Stephen, Catlin, resided in Litchfield; was born in Conway, Mass., November 27, 1781; by occupation farmer and carpenter. Moved to Litchfield about 1803. Died in Litchfield March 23, 1868.

Allen, Stutely.

Joseph Alvord, resided in Litchfield; was born May 30th, 1793, in the town of Milford, Vt. Moved to Litchfield, thence to Eagle, Wis., in 1845. Member of Crescent lodge 97, F. & A. M., Mazomame, Wis. Died at Eagle, Wis., September 7, 1869.

Samuel Dexter, Jr., resided in town of Herkimer; was born 1787 in the State of Rhode Island; by occupation a farmer. Moved to Herkimer, thence to Ionia, Mich., in 1833. Member of assembly in 1825, elected associate judge of Ionia Co., Mich., in 1840; appointed to the United States Land office in 1841. Died in Ionia, Mich., in 1856.

Roberts, Daniel, farmer, Frankfort.

1816.

Silas Hitchcock.

Dexter, Winsor.

Leonard, Solomon, resided in Litchfield. Western Star 56, Bridgewater, N. Y.

Denslow, Benjamin, school teacher, Litchfield.

Allen, Samuel.

Conable, William.

1817.

Benjamin Bently, resided in the town of Litchfield; was born June, 1795; by occupation a moulder. Died at Rome May 14, 1854.

Jacob L. True, resided in the town of Litchfield; was born February 14, 1789, in the State of Maine; by occupation a furnaceman. Moved to Litchfield and later to town of Frankfort. Died at Frankfort August 31, 1876.

1818.

Dain, Ebenezer, farmer, resided in Frankfort.

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Coats, David.

King, William, Litchfield.

1819.

Barnett, William.

Gage, Eliab, farmer, resided in the town of Litchfield.

Conable, John, Jr.

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Andrew Joslin, resident of Frankfort; was born April 7, 1789 in the State of Rhode Island; by occupation a farmer. Moved to Frankfort in 1800. Was in Col. Matthew Myers' regiment in war of 1812. Died at Frankfort May 28, 1840.

Briggs, Thomas, innkeeper, Schuyler.

Hollister, Russell, in connection with his brother, John, erected a sawmill in Frankfort in 1794. They lived on lot 51, Crosby's Manor, where Mrs. John L. Hoard now lives. Clinton lodge 258.

Samuel Ethridge, resided in town of Frankfort; was born in Adams, Mass.; by occupation a millwright. Moved to Frankfort in 1820. Supervisor of Frankfort in 1825. Died February 18, '64.

Gillispie, Robert, merchant, resided in German Flatts.

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1841	Timothy I. Campbell	John B. Dygert	William T. Sheldon
1842	"	"	"
1843	John B. Dygert	Wm. T. Sheldon	Edwin Adams
1844	George B. Judd	Lyman Mead	Daniel Tucker
1845	William T. Sheldon	"	"
1846	Lyman Mead	Daniel Tucker	James Piper
1847	Daniel Tucker	Ezra Graves	Henry S. Devendorf
1848	William T. Sheldon	Lucas Hager	Elkanah T. Cleland
1849	Lucas Hager	Elkanah T. Cleland	William Dygert
1850	Elkanah T. Cleland	William Dygert	Chauncey Elwood
1851	William Dygert	Chauncey Elwood	Rudolph W. Dygert
1852	Chauncey Elwood	John L. Hoard	Garwood L. Judd
1853	William T. Sheldon	Garwood L. Judd	J. Watson Dunham
1854	"	Lambert Hensler	Cornelius Hegaman
1855	Lambert Hensler	Charles Howell	Dwight Mather
1856	Charles Howell	John L. Hoard	David Billings
1857	William T. Sheldon	"	"
1858	"	"	Chauncey Elwood
1859	"	Judson Joslin	Edwin L. Hager
1860	Judson Joslin	George A. Kenyon	Charles Howell
1861	"	Robert Ethridge	William T. Sheldon
1862	"	John D. Fish	Thomas Richardson
1863	"	Thomas Richardson	George A. Kenyon
1864	"	Albert H. Sheldon	Charles E. Staring
1865	Albert H. Sheldon	Chas. E. Staring	Leander Atwell
1866	Judson Joslin	"	Thomas Devendorf
1867	"	Thomas Devendorf	Josiah A. Steele
1868	"	Josiah A. Steele	Sanford Getman

Frankfort. Died at Frankfort, Aug. 28, 1880.

Joseph P. Roberts.

John B. Dygert, resided in Frankfort, was born February 24, 1792 in German Flatts, N. Y.; by occupation a farmer. Member of Assembly in 1829. Supervisor of Frankfort in 1826. Died at Frankfort, March 18, 1854.

Hannibal H. Kimball, resided in Frankfort, was born in 1804 in the State of New York; by occupation a saddler.

1828.

Flavius J. Littlejohn, resided in Herkimer, was born in Litchfield, N. Y.; by occupation an attorney. Moved to Michigan in 1836. Judge and Senator in Michigan. Died some 20 years ago in Allegan, Mich.

Stephen Bosworth, resided in Frankfort, merchant, moved to Poughkeepsie, where he died, date unknown.

Samuel Phillips, an attorney and resident of Frankfort.

Daniel Chapman, resident of Herkimer, was born in 1780, in the State of Conn.; by occupation an attorney, Moved to Herkimer in 1797. Surrogate of Herkimer county 1803-1807; 1808-1816. Died in Montgomery Co., in 1850.

1829.

George B. Judd, resident of Frankfort, was born March 26, 1801, in Watertown, Conn. Moved to Frankfort in 1820. By occupation an attorney; admitted at Supreme Court, N. Y., May 18, 1827. Dist. Attorney, Herkimer county 1847-1850. Moved to Racine, Wis., in 1857; admitted as attorney in Circuit court, Racine Co., Wis., Apr. 3, 1857. Member of Lodge 18, F. & A. M., Racine, Wis., transferred from Olive Branch Lodge, No. 40, in 1857 or 1858. Died at Racine, Wis., Jan. 23, 1883. The Lodge attended funeral in a body.

Timothy I. Campbell, resided in Frankfort, was born Aug. 31, 1788, in German Flatts, N. Y.; by occupation, a miller. Member of Assembly in 1834. Died at Frankfort. Nov. 1842.

Reuben Hecox, inn-keeper, resided in Schuyler.

Amos Roberts, inn-keeper, German Flatts.

Robert M. Shearer, resident of Frankfort, was born in 1804, in Upper Canada; by occupation a merchant. Moved to Frankfort in 1829. Died at Frankfort, Feb. 16, 1846.

1831.

Edwin Adams, resided in the town of Frankfort; was born March 7, 1799, in the town of Pomfret, Conn.; by occupation a moulder. Moved to Litchfield, thence to Frankfort village in 1830. Member of Western Star Lodge 56, Bridgewater, N. Y. Died at Frankfort, Feb. 14, 1881.

1836.

Daniel Tucker, resided in the town of Frankfort; was born August 21, 1782 or 1783, in the town of Samson, N. H.; by occupation a miller and stone mason. Moved to Frankfort, thence to Wis. in 1847 or 1848. Died at Green Co., Wis., Jan. 5 or 6, 1857.

1841.

Lyman Mead, resided in the town of Frankfort; was born in 1795 in the state of Conn.; by occupation a shoemaker. Moved to Rome. Died in New York city, March 30, 1869.

James G. Ferguson, resided in the town of Frankfort, was born in 1796, in Oneida Co., N. Y.; by occupation a farmer. Died at Frankfort, April 4, 1847.

William P. Wickham, resided in Frankfort, was born in 1796 in the state of New York; by occupation a laborer. Died at Frankfort, June 23, 1848.

Chairman of Music Committee—E. Gerrard.

Ladies' Committee — Mrs. S. S. Richards, Miss Genevieve Wood and Mrs. C. B. Cleland.

PROGRAM:

SATURDAY EVENING.

Opening Address.....Hon. John W. Vrooman
Solo.....Miss Bessie Thomas
Selections.....Frankfort Band
Solo.....Miss Bessie Thomas

MONDAY EVENING.

Charles Haynes' entertainment, a two-act farce, entitled
"Dorothy Clyde," under the direction of Miss Mamie
Farrell.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Ilion Night.....Ilion Masonic Lodge

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Refined vaudeville, under the direction of F. S.
Cresson; also a comedy, entitled "Cupid, M. D."

THURSDAY EVENING.

Entertainment.....Prof. J. H. J. Watkins

FRIDAY EVENING.

Herkimer Night.....Herkimer Masonic Lodge

Biographical Sketch of the Members of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 40, Arranged in the Chronological Order of Their Membership.

In a great many instances it has seemed impossible to procure original data. In these cases tradition has been used. Should this pamphlet fall into the hands of any who can give authentic data, it will be considered a great favor if they will kindly communicate with the undersigned, who will furnish blanks for that purpose.

C. B. CLELAND.

1812.

Merry Ralph, merchant, came from Middlesex, Mass., to Litchfield, where he resided when he became a member of this lodge. He afterward moved to Ilion, where he died, aged 87. Was a member of Warren lodge, 155, Columbia, N. Y.

Dow, Stephen, resident of the town of Litchfield. Was a member of Warren lodge, 155.

Daniel Aylesworth, resided in Litchfield. Was born March 21, 1777, in the State of Vermont; by occupation a farmer; died at Litchfield September 28, 1851; formerly of Warren lodge 155.

Butler, Jonathan, merchant, resided in the town of Litchfield. He was the first secretary of Olive Branch lodge; was supervisor of Litchfield in 1838-39. Where he died or when is unknown. Formerly of Warren lodge 155.

Merry, Truman, farmer, born in Middlesex, Mass. Resided in Litchfield at time of joining.

Snow, Timothy, farmer, resided in Litchfield. Formerly of Warren lodge 155.

Moses, Elisha D., farmer, resided in Litchfield. Formerly of Warren lodge 155.

Palmer, Wyatt, farmer, resided in Litchfield. Formerly of Amicable lodge 22.

Heald, Daniel, farmer; lived in Litchfield. Warren lodge 155.

Willard, Adam, resident of Litchfield; was born April 9, 1764, in the town of Pomfret, Conn. By occupation a farmer; died at Litchfield November 26, 1829. Amicable lodge 22, Herkimer, N. Y.

Stephen A. Matteson, resident of Litchfield. Was born 1790; by occupation a farmer. First person initiated in Olive Branch lodge. Died at Litchfield October 9th, 1866.

1813.

John Joslin, resident of Frankfort. Was born October 9, 1765, in the State of Rhode Island; by occupation a farmer; moved to Frankfort 1800; supervisor of Frankfort 1807 to 1822. Died at Frankfort September 6, 1845.

Ellis, Nathan, farmer, resided in Litchfield.

Dygart, Dennis, merchant, resided in East Frankfort.

Yeomans, Prentice, carpenter, resided in German Flatts; moved to Ionia, Mich., in 1837.

David Ball resided in Litchfield. Was born October 24, 1783, in Temple, N. H.; moved to Litchfield in 1790; by occupation a farmer; moved to Ortonville, Mich., in 1838. Died at Ortonville, Oakland county, Mich., September 6, 1858.

Andrews, Asahel, farmer, Litchfield.

Ross, Artemas, farmer, Litchfield.

Richard J Smith, moved to Litchfield in 1788; was born May 25, 1774; in the State of New Jersey; by occupation a farmer. Member of Assembly in 1827. Died at Litchfield in 1846.

Warren, Elijah, farmer, Litchfield.

Amos Newton, farmer, Litchfield.

1814.

Julius C. Nelson, born February 14, 1793, in the State of Connecticut; by occupation a farmer. Moved to Litchfield, afterwards to Sheridan, N. Y., in 1836. In war of 1812; was elected county clerk of Herkimer county in 1832. Died at Kings, Ohio, April 12, 1882.

King, Jonathan, Litchfield.

Washburn, Josiah.

Furnace, George, blacksmith, resided in Litchfield.

Zacariah Townsend, resided in Litchfield. Was born August 15, 1782 in the town of Dutchess, Dutchess county, now Putnam county, State of New York; by occupation a farmer. Moved to Litchfield in 1792, thence to Saquoit in 1838. Captain of a volunteer company in 1812; went to Sacketts Harbor; company raised in Herkimer county. Died at Saquoit, Oneida county, N. Y., October 28, 1874. Masonic funeral when buried.

Jonas Washburn.

Caleb Budlong, resided in Frankfort. Was born in Rensselaer county, N. Y., October 17, 1791; by occupation a physician. Moved to Frankfort in 1793. First postmaster of Frankfort in 1815; member of assembly in 1824; supervisor of Frankfort in 1835. Graduated from Fairfield Medical School in 1813. Died at Frankfort Nov. 3, 1865.

Heald, Oliver.

trustee of rural cemetery fourteen years; member of board of education fifteen years; justice of the peace forty-one years, justice of sessions of Niagara county two years; an honorary member of the 25th Sept Co. of National Guards; an honorary member of Col. Payne, Grand Army Republic, No. 281; member of assembly of State of New York; representative of first assembly district of Niagara county in 1891-92. P. M. Tonawanda lodge, No. 247, and secretary several years.

Daniel B. Devendorf, resided in Frankfort; was born in Columbia, Herkimer county, N. Y., March 17, 1820; by occupation a physician. Moved to Frankfort in 1843, thence to Delevan, Wis., in 1855. Was surgeon in the army from 1861 to the close of the war in 1865, and examining surgeon for pensioners for the past 35 years. Graduated at the Geneva, N. Y., Medical College January 5, 1845.

1850.

William Howard, resided in town of Litchfield; was born in Litchfield, N. Y., in 1818; by occupation a farmer. Died at Cedarville January 22, 1856.

Richard Eddy, resided in Frankfort; was born in the State of Rhode Island in 1827; by occupation a clergyman (Universalist church). Moved to Rhode Island in 1851. Now resides at Chatham, Mass.

Hazard H. Sheldon, resided in Frankfort in 1854 and prior; was born in Bridgewater, Oneida county, N. Y., March 8, 1821; by occupation an attorney, etc. Moved to Niagara Falls in May, 1854. Admitted to the bar in 1852 at general term at Syracuse, N. Y.; appointed recruiting officer in 1863; enlisted in 8th N. Y. H. A. in February, 1864; captain of Co. M; wounded at Cold Harbor; discharged October, 1864. Died at Niagara Falls June 18, 1900.

1851.

Weaver, John, farmer, born in Warren in 1808; resided in Warren.

Fitch, David, born in 1817; a resident of Mohawk.

Bartlett, Rev. J. A., Universalist clergyman; born in Massachusetts in 1811. ✓

Richard U. Owens, resided in Frankfort; was born in Trenton, N. Y., in 1816; by occupation an innkeeper. Moved to Frankfort in 1851, thence to Utica in 1853. Died at Utica Nov. 16, 1886.

J. Watson Dunham, resided in Frankfort; was born in Schenectady, N. Y., in 1827; by occupation a teacher. Moved to Frankfort in 1850, thence to Schenectady in 1853, where he opened a private school.

Van R. Brainard, resided in Cedarville; was born in Litchfield, N. Y., February 24, 1817; by occupation a merchant. Moved to Wisconsin in 1867. Died in Central New York January 26, 1885.

Hegeman, Cornelius, Jr., owner of the dry dock in East Frankfort; moved to Cold Springs, N. Y., in 1856.

Henry H. Devendorf, resided in Herkimer; was born in Herkimer, N. Y., in 1826; by occupation a banker. Moved to Cedarville, where he died May 9th, 1861.

Spooner, Jacob, innkeeper, resided in Herkimer.

1852.

Sardis Brainard, resided in Cedarville; was born in Litchfield, N. Y., in 1815; by occupation a merchant.

Davis, Richard, born at Frankfort in 1828; for many years followed mercantile pursuits. Moved to Nebraska about the year 1867. Was supervisor of Frankfort in 1859.

Gates, George; resident of Mohawk.

Ezekiel Spencer, resided in Mohawk; was born in Somers county, Conn., in 1817; by occupation a farmer. Moved to Mohawk in 1827. Was supervisor of German Flatts in 1858-59.

William H. Dedrick, resided in Frankfort; was born in Frankfort, N. Y., in 1827. By occupation an insurance agent.

1853.

Alonzo H. Slayton, born April 18th, 1824, in the State of New York; by occupation a merchant, farmer, mining, railroad and produce. Lived in Herkimer county until 1856; Otsego county, N. Y., and Kentucky until 1861; Ashtabula county, Ohio, until 1866; Coshocton, Ohio, until about 1870; then Tennessee and to New York State about 1880. Died at Preble, Onondaga county, N. Y., and buried at Coshocton, Ohio, June 10th, 1883.

Adolphus S. Luce, resided at Frankfort; was born in Richfield Springs, N. Y., in 1832; by occupation a merchant.

William P. Pruyn, resided in Schuyler; was born in Schuyler, N. Y., in 1827; by occupation a farmer. Died at Schuyler Nov. 18, 1858.

Dwight, Mather, resided in German Flatts; was born in Bridgewater, Oneida county, N. Y., October 26, 1825; by occupation a mechanic. Moved to Ilion in 1850, thence to Utica in 1855. Died at Utica in 1900.

1854.

Robert F. Pierson, born in Hillsdale, Mass., February 13, 1815. Moved to Frankfort. Died at Frankfort March 13, 1872.

1855.

Daniel M. Golden, resided in Frankfort; was born in Columbia, N. Y., April 14, 1830; by occupation an

innkeeper. Moved to Frankfort in 1854, thence to Mohawk in 1876. Canal superintendent in 1870-71.

1856.

George Folts, born in Frankfort December 7, 1804; by occupation a merchant. Died at Washington, D. C., Nov. 24, 1870.

James Folts, resided in Frankfort; was born in Frankfort, N. Y., October 2, 1816; by occupation a farmer. Died at Frankfort May 1st, 1896.

Benjamin G. Johnson, born in Frankfort, N. Y., July 15, 1824; by occupation a farmer.

Nelson, Horatio, farmer, born in Litchfield in 1816. Died January 28, 1872.

Orrin Putnam Matthews, resided in Litchfield; was born in Litchfield in 1811; by occupation a farmer. Died in Litchfield July 19, 1875, aged 64 years.

Peter J. Hotaling, resided in Frankfort; was born in German Flatts, N. Y., March 12, 1824; by occupation a merchant. Supervisor of Frankfort 1856-57-58. Died at Frankfort March 25, 1870.

Lorenzo Hosford, resided in Columbia; was born in Bridgewater, N. Y., May 22, 1812; by occupation a farmer. Moved to Columbia in 1869. Was county superintendent of poor. Died at Cedarville April 20, 1891.

Sylvester Piper, resided in Frankfort; was born in Mohawk August 22, 1832; by occupation a railroad conductor. Moved to Frankfort in 1846, thence to Syracuse in 1880.

Judson Joslin, born in Frankfort April 19, 1826; by occupation a clerk. Was District Deputy G. M. in 1865. Died at Frankfort August 18, 1887.

Daniel F. Dygert, resided in Frankfort; was born in Frankfort February 29, 1828; by occupation a farmer.

Moved to Williamstown in 1866. Died at Williamstown, N. Y., April 29, 1881.

William Wallace Woodworth, resided in Mohawk; was born in Columbia, N. Y., January 1, 1817; by occupation a merchant; moved to Dubuque, Ia., in 1857. Present residence, 1124 Benson ave., Evanston, Ill.

William W. Crosby, born in Herkimer June 28, 1831; by occupation a merchant; moved to Frankfort in 1840. Was supervisor of Frankfort in 1875-76-77-78-79-80-81-99-1900.

Aaron J. Budlong, resided in Frankfort; was born in Frankfort September 14, 1828; by occupation a mechanic. Died at Frankfort May 10, 1859.

John P. Wilson, resided in Frankfort; was born in 1835; by occupation an innkeeper. Died in New York city.

John Dygert, born in Frankfort March 4, 1827; by occupation a farmer. Died at Frankfort March 23, 1860.

Sylvanus F. Dygert, resided in Frankfort; was born in Frankfort November 8, 1831; by occupation a farmer. Died in Sauls, Wis., July 28, 1860.

Charles H. Joslin, was born in Frankfort August 30, 1833; by occupation a farmer.

Charles E. Palmer, resided in Frankfort; was born in Solsville, N. Y., June 7th, 1827; by occupation a nurseryman; moved to Cedar Rapids, Ia., in 1869, thence to South Haven, Mich., in 1877. Died at South Haven August 18th, 1897.

Albert W. Folts, born in German Flatts in 1826; by occupation a miner; moved to California in 1849, thence to Dillon, Colo., in 1881. Was county clerk of Summit county in 1883. Died at Denver, Col.

1858.

James Segar, born in 1832; by occupation a boatman and merchant; moved to Utica. Died in Utica June 24, 1877.

Thomas D. Aylesworth, resided in Litchfield; was born in Litchfield in 1813; by occupation a farmer; moved to Missouri in 1867. Died at St. Louis.

Archibald C. McGowan, born in Pownall, Vt., August 26, 1825; by occupation a merchant; moved to Frankfort in 1854. Was member of assembly from 1862 to 1865; state senator from 1873 to 1876; supervisor of Frankfort from 1867 to 1869. Died at Frankfort February 20, 1892.

1859.

Dolphus S. Payne, resided in Frankfort; was born in the State of New York in 1828; by occupation an attorney; moved to Frankfort in 1858.

George A. Kenyon, born in Hopkins, R. I., September 22, 1820; by occupation a machinist. Died at Frankfort March 2, 1895.

1860.

George F. Kimball, resided in Frankfort; was born in Otsego county, N. Y., in 1836; by occupation an attorney.

Amos Bridenbecker, born in Schuyler, N. Y., April 20, 1817; by occupation a farmer. Died at Utica February 6, 1901.

Robert Ethridge, resided in Frankfort; was born in German Flatts in 1815; by occupation a banker; moved to Frankfort in 1857, thence to New York city in 1870. Was county treasurer in 1849-50-51-67-68-69; supervisor of Herkimer from 1845 to 1846; supervisor of Frankfort in 1861-62-64; in New York Custom House from 1870 until time of his death. Died at Frankfort July 22, 1873.

1861.

Albert H. Sheldon, undertaker, resided in Frankfort, was born Aug. 23, 1830 in Frankfort, N. Y.; moved to Chicago in 1866. Died at Chicago, Ill., July 27, 1892.

Leander Atwell, boatman, was born in 1830 in Frankfort, N. Y. Died at Utica.

Darius Brown, born at Frankfort, N. Y., in 1831; enlisted in Co. D., 121st regiment, N. Y. V.; killed at Spottsylvania, Va., May 10, 1864.

Thomas Richardson, attorney, resided in Frankfort, was born Oct. 19, 1830 in England; came to America in 1854; moved to Ilion in 1864. Admitted to the bar in 1861.

John D. Fish, attorney, born in 1826 in Herkimer, N. Y.; moved to Frankfort in 1861. Enlisted in 1862 Co. D., 121st regiment, N. Y. V.; commissioned captain in 1862. Killed at the battle of the Wilderness May 25, 1864.

1862.

Lewis A. Cole, born Feb. 8, 1833 in Fowler, N. Y.; came to Hastings, N. Y., in 1883; thence to Frankfort in 1848; moved to East Syracuse in 1886; boatman 30 years. Deputy sheriff 9 years, town constable and village police while in latter place; kept hotel in East Syracuse.

Eli H. Watson, resident of Frankfort, was born Jan. 12, 1826; by occupation a boatman. Died at Frankfort, Mar. 3, 1866.

Levi Ausman, resident of Herkimer, was born May 15, 1838 in Turin, Lewis county, N. Y.; by occupation a farmer; moved to Frankfort in 1890.

William B. Gates, born Sept. 17, 1840 in Ballston, N. Y.; moved to Frankfort in 1843; and to Chicago in 1882. Died at Frankfort in 1901.

Delos Hart, farmer, resident of Frankfort, was born in 1833 in the State of New York; moved to Otsego county in 1868.

George R. Lewis, resident of Frankfort, was born in Schuyler, N. Y.; moved to Cedar Rapids, Ia. By occupation a merchant. Died at Omaha, Neb. in 1887.

1863.

Jackson M. Huntley, farmer, was born Nov. 9, 1834 in Exeter, N. Y.; moved to Litchfield in 1860.

William R. Warren, shoemaker, was born in 1812, in Litchfield, N. Y. Died at Cedarville, N. Y., Jan. 19, 1865.

Charles E. Staring, carpenter, was born Oct. 22, 1834 in Frankfort, N. Y. Enlisted in 1862, Co. D., 121st N. Y. V.; commissioned 2d Lieut; mustered out in 1863.

1864.

David Wollaber, farmer, was born in 1842 in Herkimer, N. Y., where he now resides.

Melvin M. Morse, resident of German Flatts, was born March 24, 1826 in Westerlo, N. Y.; moved to Ilion in 1859; by occupation a machinist. Rockford Lodge, No. 102, Rockford, Ill.

Albro S. Dow, sadler, was born June 28, 1828 in Springfield, Otsego county, N. Y.; moved to Litchfield in 1848 and to Cedarville in 1858, where he died Feb. 14, 1892.

John Davis, born in 1842 in Frankfort, N. Y. Moved to Wisconsin, where he died. Enlisted in 1863, Co. L., 2d N. Y. Art.; discharged Feb. 10, 1865.

R. W. Sessions, cheese-maker, was born in 1834 in England. Moved to Cassville, N. Y., where he died.

Sanford Getman, farmer, was born in 1826 in Columbia, N. Y.; moved to Schuyler in 1863, where he now lives.

1865.

J. Clark Tillinghast, resided in German Flatts; was born in Frankfort in 1839; by occupation a farmer. Enlisted Dec. 25, 1861 in Co. K, 2nd N. Y. Artillery. Commissioned captain June 16, 1864. Wounded at Deep Bottom, Va., Aug. 14, 1864. Mustered out Dec. 17, 1864. Died at German Flatts March 16, 1868.

Thomas Devendorf, resided in Frankfort; was born in Frankfort in 1836; by occupation a merchant. Moved to Cedar Rapids in 1867. Was supervisor of Frankfort in 1865.

John F. Sheldon, resided in Frankfort; was born in Frankfort August 21, 1837; by occupation a merchant. Died at Frankfort January 20, 1881.

Wellington J. Staring, born in Frankfort May 10 1833; by occupation a carpenter. Died at Frankfort Feb. 21, 1872.

Josiah A. Steele, born in Ovid, Ohio., May 20, 1840; by occupation an attorney; moved to Frankfort in 1864, thence to Herkimer in 1868. Enlisted in Sturgis' Rifles May 6, 1861; discharged Nov., 1862.

Jacob S. Smith, resided in Frankfort; was born in Duanesburgh, N. Y., Nov. 27th, 1823; by occupation a teacher; moved to Frankfort in 1858. Died at Frankfort May 1, 1901.

Philo Joslin, resided in Ilion; was born in Frankfort Nov. 3, 1824; by occupation a horse farrier and blacksmith; moved to Oswego in 1871; from there to Fulton, Oswego county.

William Wickens, resided in Frankfort; was born in Biddendon, Kent, England, July 10, 1832; by occupation a carriage maker; came to America in 1852; moved to Frankfort in 1859.

Theodore S. Crosby, born in Herkimer July 7, 1839; by occupation a merchant; moved to Frankfort in 1840.

Enlisted in the 2nd N. Y. Artillery, Co. K, as Q. M. Sergt., Sept. 24, 1861; was promoted to 2nd Lieut. June 10, 1864; was discharged Oct. 16, 1864, expiration of service.

Charles S. Ingersoll, resided in Frankfort; was born in Frankfort in 1830; by occupation a farmer, miner and cattle raiser; moved to Boulder, Col., in 1877.

Alexander D. Potter, resided in Schuyler; was born in Frankfort in 1835; by occupation a farmer.

Wellington Zoller, resided in Frankfort; was born in Frankfort September 21, 1838; by occupation a clerk. Enlisted December 3, 1863, Co. L. 2nd N. Y. H. A.; wounded at Cold Harbor, Va., June 2, 1864; discharged June 8, 1865; Died at Frankfort May 12, 1866.

D. W. C. Staring, born in Frankfort, August 1, 1838; by occupation a farmer; moved to Chicago in 1868. Enlisted in 1861 in the 26th regiment N. Y. V. At expiration of service enlisted in Battery H., serving as captain. His was first battery to enter Richmond. Died at St. Louis November 8, 1872.

T. Dwight Adams, born in Frankfort March 1, 1829; moved to Atlanta, Ga., in 1881. Died at Pensacola, Florida, June 12, 1901.

Alonzo G. Myers, born in German Flatts October 9, 1843; by occupation a grocer; moved to Minneapolis in 1876; Enlisted October 9, 1861, in Co. K, 2nd N. Y. Artillery; re-enlisted January 5, 1864; commissioned 2nd lieutenant January 28, 1865; mustered out July 31, 1865.

Andrew J. Budlong, born in Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 2, 1844; by occupation a common carrier; moved to Frankfort, thence to Mohawk. Enlisted in 1861 in Co. K, 2nd N. Y. Artillery; re-enlisted December 1, 1863; commissioned 2nd lieutenant September 12, 1865, mustered out September 29, 1865.

1866.

D. Webster Greene, resided in Frankfort; was born in Danube, N. Y., in 1840; by occupation a surveyor; moved to Colorado.

. 1867.

Amasa Mann, Jr., resided in Frankfort; was born in Frankfort in 1839; by occupation a merchant; moved to Cedar Rapids, Ia., in 1867, from there to Chicago in 1890. Died at Chicago March 29, 1897.

David G. Bates, resided in Frankfort; was born in Utica March 19, 1825; by occupation a saddler; moved to Frankfort in 1850. Held the office of Tyler 21 years, 1868 to 1890. Died at Frankfort October 14, 1889.

Seymour S. Tillinghast, resided in Frankfort; was born in Frankfort March 9, 1845; by occupation a farmer.

Jeremiah Kinne, 2nd, born in Litchfield December 6, 1821; by occupation a farmer.

1868.

Abram B; Steele, resided in Frankfort; was born in Headley's Corners, Franklin county, Ohio, January 10, 1845; by occupation a farmer until 1867, then a law student; moved to Illinois in 1845, from there to Herkimer in 1880, where he still resides. Was district attorney of Herkimer county from 1880 to 1885; delegate to constitutional convention in 1894.

Josiah Bailey, resided in Schuyler; was born in Ireland in 1830; by occupation a farmer; moved to Schuyler in 1862. Died at Schuyler December 29, 1896.

George W. Gates, resided in Frankfort; was born in Half Moon, Saratoga county, in 1843; moved to Oshkosh in 1881, where he now resides.

Darius Haskell, resided in Frankfort, was born in Newport, N. Y., in 1824; by occupation a mechanic;

moved to Frankfort in 1865. Enlisted August, 1862, in Co. D, 9th N. Y. Artillery, discharged August, 1865. Died at Frankfort June 1, 1888.

Thomas Kilkenny, born in Ireland; by occupation a shoemaker; moved to Utica in 1890.

Rev. William H. Grigsby, born in the State of Virginia; by occupation a clergyman (Universalist church); moved to Frankfort in 1868, and from there to South Carolina in 1869. Now resides in Washington, D. C.

1869.

George A. Smith, resided in Frankfort; was born in Burlington, Otsego county, N. Y., September 29, 1842; by occupation a cheese maker; moved to Frankfort in 1867; dairy expert since 1888.

David J. Lloyd, born in Llanidloes, North Wales, October 16, 1832; by occupation a machinist; came to America in 1846, moved to Frankfort in 1858, and from there to New Haven, Conn., in 1896; was treasurer from 1875 to 1893.

Thomas Langley, born in England March 3, 1825; moved to Frankfort in 1859; died at New York August 29, 1886.

Homer W. Carder, resided in Schuyler; was born in Schuyler January 24, 1843; moved to Frankfort in 1888.

Walter Deuel, resided in Frankfort; was born in Stanford, Dutchess county, N. Y., July 14th, 1824; by occupation a merchant; moved to Frankfort in 1847, lived in Galen, Wayne county, from 1852 to 1865, and from there to Chittenango in 1880. Enlisted December 24, 1863, in Co. D, 9th New York Heavy Artillery; discharged September 29, 1865, at New York city. Died at Chittenango, March 27, 1887.

William H. Brown, resided in Litchfield; was born in Litchfield, April 16, 1840; by occupation a physician;

moved to Crane's Corners in 1866, and from there to Cedarville in 1874; died at Cedarville August 14th, 1895.

Charles F. Wheelock, resided in Litchfield; was born in Litchfield October 17, 1859; by occupation an inspector of academies; moved to Canajoharie in 1880.

Hamilton H. Ingham, resided in Schuyler; was born in Schuyler October 22, 1841; by occupation a real estate and insurance agent; moved to Frankfort in 1874

Jeremiah D. Matteson, born in Litchfield in 1845; by occupation a farmer; moved to Michigan.

Wallace N. Horton, resided in Frankfort; was born in Tyringham, Mass., September 8, 1846; by occupation a tobacconist; moved to Little Falls in 1880, and from there to Albany in 1871.

William Burch, born in Schuyler in 1831; by occupation a farmer.

Nathaniel B. Palmer, resided in Litchfield; was born in Litchfield May 30, 1843; by occupation a farmer.

1870.

Frank B. Parkhurst, born in Frankfort September 4, 1848; by occupation a student at law and of literature. Graduated at Albany Law School in 1872, and admitted to the bar.

Samuel Johnson, born in England October 22, 1828; by occupation a farmer. Came to America in 1830, moved to Litchfield in 1890, and from there to Frankfort in 1875. Died at Frankfort November 23, 1892.

Edwin L. Thomas, resided in Frankfort, was born in Wales in 1836, by occupation a physician, moved to Syracuse. Died in Syracuse September 25, 1886.

Warren W. Getman, resided in Frankfort, was born in Frankfort in 1832. By occupation a farmer.

Delos V. Brewer, born in Litchfield November 1, 1848. By occupation a farmer, moved to Frankfort in 1883.

Peter Huntley, born in Horsham, England, February 3, 1885. By occupation a farmer. Came to America in 1851 and moved to Frankfort in the same year.

Francis Eckert, resided in Frankfort, was born in Baden, Germany in 1840 By occupation a tobacconis. Died at Ilion April, 1875.

Theodore P. Parker, born in Litchfield June 15, 1847. By occupation a farmer Moved to Frankfort in 1899. Was supervisor of Litchfield from 1894 to 1897.

1871.

C. C. Richardson, resident of Frankfort; Universalist clergyman. ✓

M. K. Ellsworth, farmer, born June 22, 1845 in Frankfort, N. Y. Enlisted Oct. 16, 1861, Co. K, 2d N. Y. Har. mustered out Oct. 15, 1864.

Charles A. Willard, resident of Frankfort, was born Jan. 6, 1845 in Fairfield, N. Y.; by profession a dentist. Moved to Camden, Oneida county June 1, 1876, and to Baldwinsville May 1, 1880.

James McGowan, farmer was born Aug. 4, 1841 in Ireland; came to America in 1847. Resident of Litchfield since 1847 except 3 years in army and one year in Winfield. Enlisted Sept. 6, 1862 in Co. E, 152 N. Y. V. Promoted to captain Dec 1, 1864; mustered out July 15, 1865.

A. LeRoy Budlong, farmer, was born May 30, 1850 in Frankfort, N. Y.

William I. Piper was born Dec. 3, 1838 in Frankfort, N. Y. Postmaster at Frankfort many years and Justice of the Peace 8 years.

1872.

James Hyde, cheesemaker, resident of Frankfort, was born July 18, 1859, in Gosport Hants, England and came to America in 1870. Died at Frankfort, N. Y., Jan. 23, 1879.

John N. Dudleston, clerk, resident of Mohawk, was born in 1833 in Whitchurch Shropshire, Eng. and came to America in 1846. Moved to Mohawk in 1874; County clerk of Mono county, Cal. for 6 years; mail contractor and built toll road from Bridgeport, Cal. to Aurora, Neb.

Orren B. Sheaf, farmer, resident of Schuyler, was born May 7, 1849 in Schuyler, N. Y. Moved to Chicago in 1833. Died at Chicago, Ill., Oct. 3, 1883.

George M. Russell, farmer, resident of Frankfort, was born in 1840 in Frankfort, N. Y., and later moved to Mexico. Removed to Frankfort where he now resides.

James J. Zoller, carpenter, resident of Frankfort, was born June 21, 1836 at Frankfort, N. Y. Died at Frankfort, March 10, 1890.

David Lewis, resident of Frankfort, was born July 5, 1835 in Albany, N. Y. Moved to Frankfort in 1853 and to Ilion in 1884. Banker and Cashier of Frankfort bank and Cashier of Ilion bank from 1869 to 1899. Died at Ilion, June 6, 1901.

1873.

Pliny Richardson, resided in Frankfort; was born in Frankfort November 8, 1842. By occupation a contractor. Moved to San Luis, Obispo, Cal., in 1887, and from there to Ballard, Wash., in 1899. Enlisted April 21, 1861, in Co. B, 14th regiment, N. Y. V. Discharged May 24, 1863.

I. Wallace Fish, resided in Litchfield; was born in Litchfield April 25, 1834. By occupation a farmer.

Daniel McGucken, resided in Frankfort; by occupation a farmer. Was born in Massachusetts in 1850. Moved to Frankfort, and from there to Utica. Died at Utica.

Jerome N. Hulser, resided in Frankfort; was born in Frankfort in 1840. By occupation a farmer. Now resides at White Lake Corners.

Genero G. Sheaf, resided in Schuyler. Was born in Schuyler July 19, 1847. By occupation a farmer.

John O. Richardson, resided in Frankfort. Was born in Frankfort June 2, 1839. By occupation a contractor. Enlisted Jan. 13, 1864, in Co. L, 2nd regiment N. Y. Artillery. Discharged September 29, 1865, as 2nd lieutenant. Died at Frankfort September 1, 1876.

Roselle T. Woodhull, resided in Frankfort. Was born in Frankfort in 1846. By occupation a merchant. Moved to Utica.

Isaac Hayes, resided in Frankfort. Was born in Frankfort May 13, 1838. By occupation a blacksmith.

George W. Bowker, resided in Frankfort. Was born in Marshall, N. Y., in 1844. By occupation a cheese maker. Moved to Nebraska, where he died.

1874.

Lewis M. Comstock, resided in Litchfield. Was born in Ohio, N. Y., in 1843. By occupation a farmer.

Joseph J. Dudleston, Jr., resided in Frankfort. Was born in Whitchurch, Shropshire, England, June 18, 1838. Came to America in 1846. By profession an attorney. Moved to Litchfield in 1847, and from there to Frankfort in 1861. Was district attorney from 1878 to 1880.

Ezra A. Weldon, resided in Schuyler. Was born in Schuyler in 1853. By occupation a carpenter. Moved to Chicago, where he now resides.

1875.

Tryon A. Hoard, resided in Frankfort. Was born in Frankfort June 28, 1856; by profession a dentist. Opened office in Herkimer in 1872. Graduated from New York College of Dentistry in 1872. Died at Herkimer September 27, 1892.

1876.

R. J. Richards, resided in Frankfort. Was born in Wales in 1848. By profession a teacher. Now resides in Winfield.

Charles A. Pooler, resided in Frankfort. Was born in Caughenoy May 22, 1855. By profession a dentist and B. and L. Moved to Frankfort in 1873, and from there to Syracuse in 1890. Died at Syracuse May 16, 1900.

Charles Hotaling, now resides in the city of Gloversville in 1899. Was born in Frankfort April 10, 1849. By occupation a glove cutter. Moved to Gloversville in 1889.

Charles M. Widrick, born in Schuyler September 10, 1842. By occupation a carpenter and joiner. Moved to Frankfort in 1861.

George H. Lloyd, resided in Frankfort. Was born in Utica March 7, 1854; by profession a dentist. Moved to Rome.

W. Estus Deuel, resided in Frankfort. Was born in Galen, Wayne county, April 18, 1852. By profession a physician. Moved to Frankfort in 1864, and from there to Chittenango in 1877. Graduated from New York Homœopathic Medical College March 14, 1876; from New York Ophthalmic School March 15, 1876.

1877.

John A. Taylor, machinist, was born Aug. 25, 1832 in Dumfries, Scotland, and came to America in 1860;

moved to Frankfort in 1875 and to Ogdensburg in 1897.

1878.

Richard R. Rising, resident of Frankfort, was born in 1853 in Litchfield, N. Y. Died at Frankfort, Jan. 25, 1886.

G. I. Seaman, merchant, was born Jan. 24, 1850 in Parish, Oswego county, N. Y. Resident of Frankfort since 1869. Supervisor of Frankfort, 1882 to 1894 to 1898.

Wm. D. Lewis, commercial traveler, was born May 7, 1855 in Utica, N. Y. Moved to Frankfort in 1857 and to New Hartford in 1878; thence to Frankfort in 1880; thence back to New Hartford in 1881. Resident of Utica since Jan. 1899. Justice of Peace, also School Commissioner of 1st Oneida district for three years. Taught school in Frankfort and at Washington Mills about 10 years.

John W. Barris, teacher, was born March 11, 1857 in Danube, N. Y.; moved to Frankfort in 1876 and to Staten Island in 1889. Principal of school while in Frankfort.

Dwight H. Wilson, merchant, resident of Frankfort, was born Aug. 28, 1832 in Floyd, N. Y. Moved to New York city in 1865.

1879.

Alonzo M. Lints, born in Frankfort April 22, 1856. By occupation a merchant.

Charles F. William Uhrlau, born in Dorndorf, Saxe Weimar, July 25, 1838; by occupation a potter; moved to Frankfort in 1869.

D. Clinton Morgan, born in Frankfort in 1846; by occupation a grocer. Died in California April, 1891.

1880.

Lewis M. Churches, resided in Frankfort; was born

in Frankfort April 14th, 1848; by occupation a farmer. Died at Frankfort December 10, 1893.

Emory I. Bouck, resided in Frankfort; was born in Frankfort July 7, 1855. By occupation a farmer.

1881.

George W. Keeler, born in Frankfort in 1840; by occupation a cheese maker. Died at Frankfort October 21, 1895.

1882.

John R. Lewis, was born in Frankfort in 1856. Has been teacher, commercial traveler, and now occupies the position of manager of the Continental Tool company, located at Frankfort.

D. Frank Lloyd, resided in Frankfort, was born in Utica December 22, 1857; by profession a lawyer; moved to New York in 1877. Assistant district attorney of New York city and assistant district attorney of the United States.

Chas. Hyde, was born in Gosport, England, in 1853. By occupation a mill-hand. Came to America in 1872. Moved to Frankfort about 1875, and to Altoona, Dakota, in 1883; from there to Albion, Mich., in 1890.

1883.

Charles M. Rich, born in Marion, N. Y., April 20, 1858. By occupation a jeweler. Moved to Frankfort in 1883.

Gilbert N. Lehr, born in Ava, N. Y., January 13th, 1857; by profession a physician and surgeon. Moved to Frankfort in 1882, and from there to Rome in 1897. Graduated at New York University in 1880.

1884.

Newth, A. T., farmer; born in Litchfield in 1846. Moved to California in 1883, where he now resides.

Joseph W. Johnson, resided in Frankfort; was born in Piermont, N. Y., February 12, 1844; by occupation an engineer, and road foreman of engines. Moved to Frankfort in 1884, and from there to Jersey City in 1887. Enlisted November 16, 1861, in Co. L, 1st Regiment N. Y. Vol. Engineers. Promoted to artificer December, 1861 and to corporal in 1862; discharged December 16, 1864.

John Falk, resided in Frankfort; was born in Baltimore, Md., April 28, 1850. By occupation an engineer. Moved to Frankfort in 1883, and from there to Syracuse in 1886.

Seymour S. Richards, resided in Frankfort; was born in Newport, N. Y., December 23, 1860. By profession a physician. Moved to Schuyler in 1868, and from there to Frankfort in 1883. Graduated from the medical department of the University of New York in 1883. Has held the office of coroner for Herkimer county from 1890 to 1895, and was again elected to that office in 1890 for another term of three years, beginning January 1, 1899.

George H. Davis, born at Clarksville, N. Y., in 1856. By occupation a cheese maker. Now resides in the town of Litchfield.

Alonzo C. Dingman, born in Minden, N. Y., August 23, 1858; by profession an attorney. Moved to Frankfort in 1884, and from there to Danube in 1890. Was deputy county clerk from 1890 to 1901.

Milton J. Dean, born in Williamsburg, Pa., August 29, 1851; by occupation an engineer. Moved to Frankfort in 1884, and from there to Coeymans in 1887.

Frederick W. Frost, resided in Frankfort; was born

in Richland, N. Y., September 29, 1853. By occupation an engineer. Moved to Frankfort in 1883, and from there to Rotterdam Junction in 1888.

1885.

Powers, W. J., merchant, born in Manchester, England, in 1857. Moved to Brooklyn in 1887.

Rogers, M. F., born in Schuyler in 1849. Moved to Chicago in 1887.

Charles W. Waterhouse, resided in Frankfort, was born in Treverton, Pa., March 16, 1861. By occupation an engineer. Moved to Frankfort in 1883, and from there to Syracuse in 1887.

1886.

B. Scammell, resided in Frankfort, was born in London, England, April 24, 1857. By occupation a moulder. Came to America in 1881, moved to Rome in 1881, and from there to Frankfort in 1886.

Maynard, John, farmer, born at Taunton, Mass., in 1853, now resides in Frankfort.

James Donaghy, born in Monaghan, Ireland, August, 1842. Came to America in 1870; moved to Frankfort in 1883.

Jay A. Ford, born in Newark Valley, N. Y., June 15, 1850. By profession, minister of the Gospel. Moved to Frankfort in 1885, and from there to Lincoln, Ill., in 1896.

Aaron V. Joslin, resided in Frankfort, was born in Frankfort March 21, 1836. By occupation a merchant.

Arthur R. Givin, born in Pine Grove Furnace, Ohio, April 29, 1862. By occupation a foreman painter with W. S. railroad. Moved to Frankfort in 1884, and from there to Newark, Ohio, in 1897.

Fred A. Brown, resided in Frankfort. Was born in Watertown, N. Y., October 25, 1856. By occupation a stationary engineer. Moved to Frankfort in 1884, and from there to Rome in 1886. Left Rome in 1890 to affiliate with Oriental Lodge, No. 224, of Utica.

David W. Hempstead, resided in Frankfort; was born in Berne, Albany county, N. Y., April 3rd, 1860. By occupation a train despatcher. Moved to Frankfort in 1884; Kingston, N. Y., in 1886; Syracuse in 1888, and Yonkers in 1891.

Charles Aland, resided in Frankfort. Was born in London, England, March 2, 1856. Came to America in 1880. Moved to Rome in 1880, and from there to Frankfort in 1886. Made in Roman Lodge, 223, of Rome.

James F. Barry, born in Carbondale, Pa., May 1st, 1834; by occupation a carpenter. Moved to Frankfort in 1870. Enlisted in Co. F, 27th regiment N. Y. Infantry April, 1861; discharged April, 1865.

Halligan, Christopher, Jr., a train despatcher, was born in Cleveland, N. Y., in 1858. Left here and went to Illinois.

James H. Beeler, resided in Frankfort; was born in Bedford, Bedford county, Pa., April 25, 1845. By occupation an engineer; moved to Frankfort in 1884, and from there to Syracuse in 1887. Belonged to Co. I, 22nd Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, 2nd Division Army of Shenandoah.

Young, W. H., painter, born in England in 1850, and moved to New Jersey in 1886, where he now lives.

Bennett, Henry, Jr., born in Ashford, England in 1856; by occupation a machinist. Moved to Erie, Pa., where he now resides.

Philo, Geo. E., law student, born in Frankfort in 1851; moved to Utica, where he is now practising law. Was member of assembly in 1898.

Charles R. Baker, resided in Frankfort; was born in Frankfort August 11, 1859; by profession a clergyman. Moved to Hamilton, N. Y., in 1888, and from there to Lapeer, Mich., October, 1893. Pastor of 1st Baptist church.

Merrill, W. A., drug clerk, born at Chester, Ohio, in 1856. Moved to Cleveland, Ohio in 1886. Resident.

1887.

Charles B Cleland, resident of Frankfort, was born Dec. 24, 1851 in Frankfort, N. Y.

Monroe G. Bliss, carpenter, was born Nov. 24, 1852 in Salisbury, N. Y.; moved to Frankfort in 1883.

Charles H. Steadman, painter, was born Oct. 15, 1859 in Brooklyn, N. Y. Resident of Frankfort from July 15, 1884 until Jan. 19, 1898 when he moved to Taunton, Mass.

James W. Patterson, watchman, was born Jan. 1, 1861 in Bainbridge, Ohio and moved to Frankfort in 1883. Thence to Coeyman's Junction in 1888.

Wm. Wayne, carpenter, was born June 12, 1849 in New Scotland, N. Y. Resident of Frankfort since 1884.

Eugene Gorham, farmer, was born Jan. 25, 1843 in Buffalo, N. Y. Moved to Frankfort in 1880. Enlisted in 1861, in the U. S. Navy assigned to sloop of war, Brooklyn; discharged 1863.

Adams H. Sterling, butcher, was born Mar. 31, 1846 in Vienna, N. Y. Moved to Laurens in 1867, thence to Frankfort in 1877. Enlisted Dec. 24, 1863 in Co. C, 22d N. Y. Vol. Cal.; discharged June 28, 1865.

William Birch, miller, was born Dec. 31, 1865 in Wittersham, Kent, England. Came to America in 1871 and to Frankfort in 1882.

William D. Allen, was born Nov. 25, 1857 in Norwich, N. Y.; moved to Frankfort in 1883.

Victor C. Lewis, lumber salesman, was born Sept. 14, 1864 in Utica, N. Y. Moved to Frankfort in 1882 and to Illion in 1890,

1888.

Albert L. Ashley, pattern-maker, was born Oct. 1, 1855 in Westmoreland, N. Y., and moved to Frankfort in 1884. Made a Mason in Roman Lodge, 223, Rome, N. Y.

Harry M. Remington, was born Jan. 21, 1859 in Parish, N. Y.; by occupation a machine blacksmith.

William M. Westervelt, resident of Frankfort, was born Mar. 8, 1836 in Ramapo, Spring valley, N. Y. Railroad conductor.

H. M. Wood, hotel-keeper, was born Nov. 23, 1842 in Fairfield, N. Y.; moved to Frankfort in 1880. Enlisted Sept. 1862, Co. F, 152 N. Y. V.; discharged May 1865. Supt. canal, 1892-93-94.

Charles W. Nipe, merchant, was born July 7, 1852 in Canajoharie, N. Y.; resident of Frankfort since 1883.

Charles L. Christie, machinist, was born Oct. 1848 in Ogo De Agua, Durango, Mexico. Came to the U. S. in 1863; resident of Frankfort since 1887.

John Willis, merchant in Frankfort, born in 1860 in Schuyler, N. Y.; moved to Schuyler in 1890.

La Pierre Thomas, engineer, was born May 3, 1847 in Hancock, N. Y.; moved to Frankfort in 1885.

Wm. T. Link, moulder, was born Jan 10, 1864 in Columbus, O. Moved to Frankfort in 1887 and to Salem, N. C. in 1900.

E. H. Lenker, machinist, was born in Lykens, Pa. Occupied many positions on W. S. R. R. Moved to Syracuse in 1897.

1889.

Hugh O. Jones, carpenter, was born Aug. 29, 1853 in

Bagillt, Flintshire, N. Wales; came to America in 1869 and to Frankfort in 1881.

Frank S. Cresson, clerk, was born Mar. 5, 1858 in Hancock, N. Y. Made Mason in Hancock, 552, N. Y.

P. E. Garrison, resident of Frankfort, was born Oct. 26, 1846 in Paterson, N. J. Moved to Gloversville in 1897. General manager F., J. & G. R. R.

Freeman H. Howard, core-maker, was born Feb. 19, 1837 in Frankfort, N. Y.

Horatio Seymour Getman, machinist, was born Sept. 8, 1865 in Schuyler, N. Y.; moved to Frankfort in 1889.

Edward J. Carner, machinist, was born Apr. 30, 1864 in Frankfort, N. Y.; moved to Albany, April 27, 1897.

Albert J. Morey, blacksmith, was born Mar. 3, 1857 in Schuyler, N. Y. Moved to Frankfort in 1878.

Arthur J. Valentine, machinist, was born Feb. 10, 1860 in Peekskill, N. Y.; moved to Frankfort in 1883.

Charles S. Getman, machinist, was born Sept. 26, 1867 in German Flatts, N. Y. Moved to Frankfort in 1873 and to Williamstown, Mass. in 1898.

John L. Sawyer, locomotive engineer, was born in 1861 in New York City. Resided in Frankfort in 1889; moved to Syracuse in 1895; went west in 1889.

William Blanford, clerk, resident in Frankfort, was born Aug. 5, 1831 in Philadelphia, Pa. Moved to Newburg in 1897. Enlisted April 24, 1861 for 3 months, in 18th Regiment, Penn. Vol. (Infantry) Co. B; discharged Aug. 7, 1861. Re-enlisted for 3 years in Co. H., 114th regiment, Penn. Infantry as private. Promoted to Serg't-Major, Dec 25, 1862; discharged in 1864. Died at Newburg, Feb. 12, 1901.

1890.

Bosely, Edward, born in Baltimore, Md., in 1852; by occupation a locomotive engineer. At present an

employe of the West Shore railroad and resides in Syracuse.

William H. Bagley resided in Frankfort; was born in Rodman, N. Y., April 5th, 1836; by occupation a mechanic. Moved to Frankfort in 1848, and from there to Oswego in 1892.

Herbert S. Balkla, born in Frankfort September 3, 1868. By occupation a butcher.

William C. Abbott, born in Frankfort May 21, 1868; by occupation a machinist. Died at Frankfort Sept. 18, 1892.

Samuel S. McGowan, born in Cabra, Ireland, January 12, 1864. Came to America in 1880, and moved to Frankfort in 1890.

Richard Rose, resides in Frankfort; was born in Chatteris, Cambridgeshire, England, September 7, 1856. By occupation an engineer; moved to Frankfort in 1879.

E. B. Fairchild, resided in Frankfort; was born in Litchfield, Conn., February 12, 1855. By occupation a merchant. Moved to Frankfort in 1886, and from there to Herkimer in 1897.

I. W. Ingersoll, born in Frankfort July 4, 1871; by occupation a grocer; moved to German Flatts in 1898.

Chap. Taber, resided in Frankfort; was born in St. Johnsville April 13, 1859; by occupation a steam fitter; moved to Frankfort, and from there to New York Mills in 1898.

1891.

Jacob Frohlick, resided in Frankfort; was born in Hergetsfeld, Cassel, November 9. 1859. Came to America in 1883, and moved to Frankfort in 1899.

C. U. Meyer, born in Pittsburg, Pa., in 1833; by occupation a tinsmith. Died January 12, 1900.

William F. Baker, resided in Frankfort; was born in Aurora, N. Y., December 14th, 1855. Moved to Frankfort in 1890, and from there to New Orleans in 1897.

Daniel J. Coburn, resided in Frankfort; was born in Haverhill, N. H., September 6, 1842; by occupation a millwright. Moved to Frankfort in 1884. Enlisted August 2, 1862 in Co. G, 11th N. H. V. Discharged May, 1863.

Charles E. Spoor, born in Newville, N. Y., in 1860. By occupation a carpenter. Moved to Galeton Pa., in 1897.

Frank E. Ballda, resided in Frankfort; was born in Frankfort September 19, 1866. By occupation a machinist. Moved to New Haven, Conn., in 1898.

Harry G. Folts, born in Frankfort June 4th, 1867. By occupation a lawyer. Now a resident of Ohio.

1892.

James M. Peck, resided in Frankfort; was born in Freeport, Ill., June 10, 1856; by occupation a painter. Moved to Frankfort in 1889, and from there to Johnstown in 1894.

Fred A. Smith, resided in Frankfort; was born in Frankfort August 15, 1870. By profession a dentist. Moved to Geneva in 1897. Graduated from University of Pennsylvania, dental department class, in 1891.

Lorenzo D. Ballard, resided in Frankfort; was born in Stittsville, N. Y., September 20, 1849. By occupation a tinsmith. Moved to Frankfort in 1888, and from there to Mohawk in 1897.

W. H. Preble, born in Bucksport, Md., in 1854; by occupation a locomotive engineer. Moved to Boston in 1897.

George Twiss, resided in Frankfort; was born in Adams, N. Y., October 5, 1866. By occupation a

matchmaker. Moved to Frankfort in 1889, and from there to Syracuse in 1897.

P. Augustus Folts, resided in Frankfort; was born in Frankfort March 11, 1853. By occupation an engineman.

1893.

Wilson L. Barnes, resided in Frankfort; was born in Salisbury, N. Y., September 11, 1846. By occupation a laborer. Moved to Frankfort in 1870.

E. LaGrange Smith, a resident of Frankfort; was born in Duanesburgh, N. Y., December 22, 1847. By profession an attorney and counselor at law. Moved to Frankfort in 1875. Supervisor of Frankfort in 1893; member of assembly in 1895 and 1898. Admitted to the bar in 1875.

1894.

George U. Taylor, resided in Frankfort; was born in Dwaarskill, N. Y., August 12, 1857. By occupation a millwright. Moved to Frankfort in 1884.

Charles Haynes, born in Mountain Ash, Wales, April 11, 1861. Came to America in 1883, and moved to Frankfort in 1884.

Eugene S. Lamberson, resident of Frankfort; was born in Fairfield, N. Y., Sept. 2, 1862; by occupation a merchant. Moved to Frankfort in 1885.

Edward Medler, resided in Frankfort; was born in Oswego, N. Y., Jan. 3, 1872. By occupation a machinist. Moved to Frankfort in 1890, and from there to Oswego in 1897.

William S. Potter, resident of Frankfort; was born in Geneva, Ohio, Jan. 29, 1865; by occupation an engineer. Moved to Frankfort in 1894.

James C. Galloway, resident of Frankfort; was born Oswestry, county Shropshire, England, Sept. 10, 1864.

Came to America in 1885. By occupation a machinist. Moved to Frankfort in 1891.

John Johnson, born in Litchfield Sept. 7, 1863. Moved to Frankfort in 1893.

Fenimore Parkhurst, born in Frankfort Oct. 12, 1870. Graduated from Philadelphia Dental College in 1891.

Edward D. Hamer, born in Boylston, N. Y., Feb. 26, 1872. Moved to Frankfort in 1892.

1895.

Cyrus W. Hamer, born in Boylston, N. Y., May 8, 1873. Moved to Frankfort in 1892.

Chauncey C. Harter, born in Herkimer June 18, 1859. By occupation a storekeeper. Moved to Frankfort in 1866, and from there to Rome, N. Y., in 1899.

Frank D. Smaltz, resided in Frankfort; was born in Frankfort August 2, 1862. By occupation a filer. Moved to Ilion January 5, 1896.

Bert C. Sterling, resident of Frankfort; was born in Laurens, N. Y., May 22, 1873. By occupation a painter. Moved to Frankfort in 1877.

Erastus M. Bargy, resident of Frankfort; was born in Frankfort July 14, 1858. By occupation a watchman.

Geo. H. Watson, resident of Frankfort; was born in Whitestown, N. Y., October 1, 1842. By profession a banker. Moved to Frankfort in 1887. Cashier of bank from its opening, November 8, 1886.

William Reid, resided in Frankfort; was born in Dundee, Scotland, December 22, 1861. Came to America in 1886. By occupation a blacksmith. Moved to Frankfort in 1891, and from there to Depew in 1893.

1896.

Alfred L. Evenden, resided in Frankfort; was born in Rome July 22, 1868; by occupation a blacksmith.

Moved to Frankfort in 1895, and from there to Rome, N. Y., in 1896.

William H. Waterbury, resident of Frankfort; was born in Frankfort April 22, 1862. By occupation a merchant. ✓

Edwin Gerrard, born in Frankfort August 4, 1874. By occupation a musical instructor.

John Yack, Jr., resided in Frankfort in 1855; was born in Meningen, Wurtemberg, Germany, January 11, 1852. Came to America in 1853. By occupation a farmer. Moved to Sauquoit, Oneida county, in 1853.

Simon P. Weaver, resident of Frankfort; was born in Frankfort July 22, 1844; by occupation a farmer. Supervisor of Frankfort in 1901-02.

John E. McKay, resided in Frankfort; was born in Newport, Maine, June 10, 1874; by occupation a machinist. Moved to Boston in 1898.

Adam Becker, resident of Frankfort; was born in Hergetsfeld, Cassel, March 26, 1862. Came to America in 1881; by occupation a boltmaker. Moved to Frankfort in 1884.

Frank A. Russell, resident of Frankfort; was born in Frankfort Hill March 30, 1869; by occupation a jeweler.

H. E. Carner, resident of Frankfort; was born in Frankfort November 19, 1874; by occupation a jeweler.

Henry E. Potter, resident of Frankfort; was born in Cannonsville, N. Y., May 11, 1855; by occupation a railroad conductor. Moved to Frankfort in 1889.

Fred L. Hamer, born in Boylston, N. Y., December 11, 1874. Moved to Frankfort in 1892.

William S. Rushmer, resident of Frankfort; was born in Frankfort April 15, 1854. By occupation a mechanic.

George H. Davis, born in Frankfort August 6, 1860; by occupation a farmer. Resides in Frankfort.

John G. Parsons, born in Ilion August 31, 1874. Moved to Frankfort in 1886, and from there to Depew in 1897.

Truman B. Nichols, born in Frankfort September 24, 1872. By occupation a farmer.

L. Starkey Whitney, resided in Frankfort; was born in Ilion April 16, 1874. Moved to Frankfort in 1882, and from there to Keene, N. H., in 1898.

Edward R. Weaver, born in Frankfort February 18, 1868. Occupation, clerk.

Carroll E. Hoyt, resident of Frankfort; was born in LaFayette, Onondaga county, January 14, 1862; by occupation a carpenter. Moved to Frankfort in 1894.

Frank P. Moore, resident of Frankfort; was born in Williamsburg, N. Y., October 4, 1861; occupation, yard master. Moved to Frankfort in 1884.

1897.

L. M. Lipa, born in Center, N. Y., September 29, 1872; by occupation a book-keeper. Moved to Frankfort in 1887, and from there to Utica in 1898.

George M. Durst, resided in Frankfort; was born in Schuyler October 21, 1868; by occupation a machine hand. Moved to Buffalo in 1898.

Francis Trevor, resided in Frankfort; was born in Birmingham, England, December 25, 1871. Came to America in 1886; by occupation a baker. Moved to Frankfort in 1891.

William J. Weller, resident of Frankfort; was born in Moscow, Livingston county, N. Y., April 7, 1853; by occupation an engineer. Moved to Frankfort in 1884.

Edward A. Mooney, resided in Frankfort; was born in West Rutland, Vt., December 2, 1872; by occupation an electrician. Moved to Frankfort in 1896, and from there to Haverstraw in 1897.

Charles F. Parsons, born in Ilion Feb. 14, 1876. Moved to Frankfort in 1886.

Charles A. Hamer, born in Bolyston, N. Y., June 6, 1870. Moved to Frankfort in 1895.

1898.

John G. Stratton, born in Utica Dec. 22, 1876; by occupation a telegraph operator. Moved to Frankfort in 1897, and from there to Ilion in 1899.

H. B. Merry, resided in Frankfort; was born in Frankfort Jan. 10, 1877; by occupation a telegraph operator.

William Manning resided in Frankfort; was born in Frankfort Jan. 1, 1877; by occupation a machinist. Went to Depew in 1898.

E. Julius Joslin, born in Detroit, Mich., July 13, 1872; by occupation a telegraph operator. Moved to Frankfort in 1880, and from there to Schuyler in 1884.

Frank E. Cramer, resident of Frankfort; was born in Schuyler August 4th, 1862; by occupation a baggage master. Moved to Frankfort in 1898.

Charles O. Ballda, resident of Frankfort; was born in Frankfort Jan. 18, 1874; by occupation a machinist.

James H. J. Watkins, resident of Schuyler; was born in Abergavenny, Wales, March 10, 1843. Came to America in 1853; by occupation a farmer. Moved to Schuyler in 1868. School commissioner of Herkimer county, 1900-01-02.

John McManony, resident of Frankfort; was born in New York city May 4, 1840; by occupation a farmer. Moved to Frankfort in 1884.

David L. Hamer, born in German Flatts Oct. 2, 1833. Moved to Frankfort in 1892. Enlisted April 27, 1861, in Co. G, 24th Regt. N. Y. V. Discharged June 3, 1863. Reorganized as a cavalry regiment in 1863 with same No., and served till end of war.

1899.

Albert C. Gillette, resided in Frankfort; was born in Hume, N. Y., March 12, 1876; by occupation a teacher. Moved to Frankfort in 1898, and from there to Andover in 1900.

- Charles H. Wheeler, resident of Frankfort; was born in Monticello, N. Y., Jan. 9, 1861; by occupation an engineer. Moved to Frankfort in 1883.

William E. Sloane, born in Holland Patent, N. Y., in 1869; by occupation a commercial traveler. Moved to Bridgewater in 1900.

John O. Starr, resident of Frankfort; was born in Ilion May 26, 1875; by occupation a tool maker. Moved to Frankfort in 1896.

1900.

Henry Mahoney, born in Syracuse in 1875; by occupation a locomotive engineer. At present in the employ of the West Shore railroad.

George S. Reed, born in Utica July 7, 1874; by occupation a farmer. Moved to Schuyler in 1878, and from there to Frankfort in 1895.

Edward H. Morgan, resident of Frankfort; was born in Frankfort July 26, 1841; by occupation a farmer.

John H. Sticht, born in St. Johnsville, Montgomery county, N. Y., May 10, 1870; resided in East Hartford, Conn., in 1891; by occupation a freight brakeman and conductor. Moved to Carbondale, Pa., in 1893, and from there to Frankfort in 1896.

Arthur B. Davis, resident of Frankfort; was born in Newmarket, N. H., Nov. 2, 1873; occupation, chief clerk. Moved to Frankfort in 1899.

1901.

Alexander Thomson, Jr., born in Leven, Fifeshire, Scotland, in 1866. By occupation a pattern maker.

Moved to Frankfort in 1900, and from there to Buffalo in 1901, where he now resides

James W. Jones, resident of Frankfort; was born in Birmingham, England, Dec. 5, 1858. Came to America in 1888; by occupation a manufacturer. Moved to Frankfort in 1900

George M. McCombs, born in Lyme, N. Y., Dec. 31, 1854; by profession a physician. Moved to Frankfort in 1897. Graduate of Bellevue Hospital Med. Col., 1877.

Thomas J. Lewis, born in Bridgewater, N. Y., May 25, 1862; by occupation a commercial traveler. Moved to Frankfort in 1900.

Emil Wegner, resident of Frankfort; was born in Brombergh, Posen, Prussia, July 11, 1866. Came to America in 1883; by occupation a painter and decorator. Moved to Frankfort in 1884.

William E. Hayes, resident of Frankfort; was born in Frankfort Oct. 14, 1867; by profession a physician and surgeon. Graduated from medical department of the University of New York March 24, 1891. Elected coroner Nov. 5, 1901.

Frank A. Thurston, resident of Frankfort; was born in Frankfort August 20, 1865; occupation. hotel proprietor. Moved to Frankfort in 1889.

Evan E. Jones, resided in Frankfort; was born in Bridgewater, N. Y., Nov. 4, 1862. By occupation a cheese maker.

Grove J. Morgan, resident of Frankfort; was born in Frankfort Nov. 6, 1877; by occupation a farmer.

William J. Bennett, born in Ashford, Kent, England, October 2, 1865; by occupation a machinist. Moved to Frankfort in 1883.

Geo. E. Seeger, resident of Frankfort; was born in Ilion Feb. 10, 1875. By occupation a farmer.

Charles W. Newell, born in Frankfort March 6, 1876. By occupation a farmer.

S. R. Brown, resided in Frankfort; was born in Grawville, N. Y., June 12, 1879; by occupation a telegraph operator. Moved to Attica, N. Y., in 1895. Resides in Frankfort.

John M. Ashby, born in Northampton, England, in 1856. Came to America in 1868. By occupation a locomotive engineer.





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